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Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak discusses Palestinian issue with President Reagan.

U.S. expresses hope for Mideast progress

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Reagan administration, which has had few foreign policy successes, is touting 1985 as the "year of opportunity" in Middle East peacemaking.

"The moment is at hand — this year — to make major progress," U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said last week.

Shultz, whose efforts to engineer a de facto peace agreement between Israel and Lebanon in 1983 failed abysmally, told the United Nations General Assembly that peace "can only be achieved through direct negotiations," on the basis of UN resolutions 242 and 338.

But the idea of direct Arab-Israeli talks appeared once again to recede into the misty distance with last week's discussions in Washington involving President Ronald Reagan and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

At the end of his second visit to Capitol Hill in one year, Mubarak was left with the very distinct feeling that he had failed to sway U.S. policy regarding the faltering peace process.

Mubarak, who preceded King Hussein of Jordan to Washington, set out his views in a series of top-level meetings with Reagan and his senior officials.

He advised the Americans to open discussions with a joint delegation, made up of Palestinians and Jordanians, on the basis of the Feb. 11 pact signed by King Hussein and Yasser Arafat of the PLO.

Rejected by Israel but cautiously welcomed by the U.S., that agreement essentially called for Israel's withdrawal from occupied territories, the establishment of a Palestinian state confederated with Jordan, and a peace settlement based on United Nations' resolutions.

As envisaged by Jordan and the PLO, direct talks between Israel and the Arabs would be conducted under international auspices and only in the wake of preliminary

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PROTEST IN JERUSALEM

Ethiopian Jews have been demonstrating for the past couple of weeks in front of the Chief Rabbinate in Jerusalem to protest the ruling they must undergo a symbolic conversion. In this photo protesters hold up their Torah, brought from Ethiopia, and declare "there is only one Torah, not two." [IPPA photo]

Extradition to Israel unlikely

Cyprus holds PLO killers

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Three Palestine Liberation Organization terrorists who murdered an Israeli couple and their friend aboard a yacht in Larnaca, Cypress last week are not likely to be extradited to Israel for trial.

Israel's extradition request was presented to the Cypriot foreign ministry by Ambassador Meir Gavish who was promised a reply after it is studied by the attorney-general. But a Cypriot government spokesman said it would be rejected on grounds that the murders were committed in Cyprus and Cyprus therefore is responsible to bring the killers to trial.

The heavily armed trio who seized the yacht at the Larnaca tourist marina before dawn on Yom Kippur and surrendered 10 hours later after committing triple murder, claimed they were Palestinians.

Two of them, Elias Yehiya and Nasif Mahmoud, apparently are, but the third, who initially gave his name as George Hannah, has been identified as an Englishman, Ian Michael Davison of South Shields. He described himself to television reporters as "a skinhead, a real young fascist thug."

Reports from Larnaca indicated that Davison, alias Hannah, was German. The Israeli media quoted British newspapers and the man's father as describing Davison, 27, as a neo-fascist with a reputation as a rowdy at soccer matches played by the Sunderland team of which he was an ardent fan.

Davison told television reporters in Cyprus that he was among the 1,200 PLO fighters evacuated from Tripoli, northern Lebanon, to Yemen in 1983. He said he joined the PLO after seeing photographs of the 1982 Sabra and Shatila refugee camps massacres. He became a fervent supporter of PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

According to the British press, Davison belonged to the PLO elite unit known as Force 17 which was formed originally as Arafat's bodyguard and later used to protect other leaders of El Fatah, the terrorist arm of the PLO. It was also used to liquidate anti-Arafat elements within the PLO and for special "showcase" terrorist acts against Israel.

The bodies of the three Israeli murder victims were flown to Israel in an Air Force plane. Reuven Paltsur, 53, owner of the yacht, and his wife, Esther, 50, were buried in Haifa.

Their friend, Avraham Avneri, 53, was buried in his home town of Arad. He had accompanied the Paltsurs on a holiday cruise which left Haifa Sept. 16.

The marina where the killings occurred was a favorite mooring of Israeli yachtsmen and there were more than a dozen pleasure boats from Israel there at the time of the murders. Most have returned to Israel. But other Israeli yachts were reported sailing to Cyprus over the weekend on previously planned cruises. Their owners and crews are carrying arms for protection.

Vancouver blaze treated as arson

VANCOUVER —

Police are treating as arson a fire at Leon's Kosher Foods, a kosher butcher and delicatessen on Oak St. in the heart of Vancouver's Jewish district.

The overnight blaze last week was apparently started by someone who broke a back window in an adjacent store and poured gasoline on the floor, according to Leon Winger, owner of Leon's.

The fire gutted Sports Medicine, a sporting goods shop next door, and heavily damaged Leon's basement, which contained tables, butcher's tools and a freezer. Leon's remained open for business, however, as the upstairs portion of the store was relatively free of damage.

But Winger said police are not treating the fire as an anti-Jewish attack because an adjacent store, a Jewish book shop, was left untouched. Shalom Books sustained only minor smoke damage.

Fire officials were unavailable for comment at press time.

Early deadline

Due to the Jewish and Thanksgiving holidays, the editorial deadline for the Oct. 17 issue is advanced to Friday, Oct. 4 at 5 p.m., in Toronto. We hope to get back to our normal publishing schedule after that.

5 persons injured in Haifa blasts

HAIFA (JTA) —

Five people were injured in the first of two almost simultaneous explosions in downtown Haifa Sunday. One man was described as having sustained medium wounds, while the others were slightly hurt.

The first blast, at about 11 a.m., went off under a vegetable stand in what is known as the Turkish Market. The owner of the stall was among the injured. The market was crowded with pre-holiday shoppers at the time.

The explosive charge had been hidden in a plastic bag, and police complained that the netting which stall-owners have been instructed to place beneath and around their stalls to prevent such explosives being placed there had been faulty.

While the police were investigating the market blast, another explosion went off in a nearby small public garden, but caused neither casualties nor damage.

Police detained several score people for questioning — most of them among the many West Bank Arabs who gather near the market seeking work in Israel. Most will be released after they have been interrogated.

Six Jews killed in Mexico quake

NEW YORK (JTA) —

At least six Jews were killed by the earthquake that devastated the centre of Mexico City last week.

One of the dead was a woman who succumbed to a heart attack, brought on apparently by the quake. The others appear to have died in the rubble of collapsed buildings.

The main Jewish residential neighborhoods in Mexico City sustained little or no earthquake damage. But Jewish-owned businesses, warehouses and factories near the centre of the city are believed to have suffered severe damage and property loss could be heavy. Those premises, however, were not occupied during the early morning hours when the quake struck.

The Ashkenazic kehila building, known locally by its address, Acapulco 70, had smashed windows but apparently no other serious damage. The building, housing the offices of the Ashkenazic community, is located in the Condessa district, not far from the centre of the city.

There was also some damage to an old Sephardic synagogue. Otherwise, the Sephardic neighborhood in the Polanka district was unharmed, according to Yitzhak Schonfeld, a 22-year-old Brooklynite who has been a student at the Keter Tora Yeshiva in Mexico City for four years.

He said "many buildings were destroyed" in the Jewish textile industry section of the city and that some buildings in the Ashkenazic neighborhood were cracked.

A spokesperson for the American Jewish Committee told the JTA that, as far as he knew, "the neighborhoods more or less where Jews live were not touched" by the earthquake and that the Israel embassy in Mexico City was not damaged.

U.S. plans arms sale

WASHINGTON —

The Reagan administration has announced its readiness to sell Jordan more than $1 billion worth of advanced military equipment.

The weaponry would include sophisticated fighter jets, mobile anti-aircraft missiles and shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles.

The pro-Israel lobby in Washington has said it would fight the U.S. proposal.

World-National

"Dry" stories of rescuers are powerful

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Visitors to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, are well aware that there is an Avenue of the Righteous which commemorates Gentiles of various nationalities who risked their lives to save Jews. Often when I walk through this tree-lined row of markers and read the names there recorded, I wonder what lies behind their stories.

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The dossiers of Yad Vashem hold the answers. They are varied as the names they cover and they include the simple and the famous, men and women of all ages, soldiers, Poles, Lithuanians, Czechs and many other nationalities — including Germans.

Some years ago, Benyamin Z. Barslai published a little book entitled German Saviours of Jews. Recently this booklet, culled from the archives of Yad Vashem, has been published in Germany. It contains the tales of over a hundred Germans who did what so few others in their country were willing to do: they pitted their own small resources against the vast machinery of the Nazi state. Some of them perished in the process, others survived. All of them saved Jews and their memories are not forgotten.

I opened the book at random. Right at the beginning is the story of Richard Abel, a sergeant in the German army serving in Tunis. Five young Tunisian Jews were hidden on a farm, but an Italian betrayed them to the Germans and they were incarcerated by the SS. During the night, Abel, on his own initiative, came to them and suggested that they should flee toward the British lines. The prisoners felt that they had no chance, but the sergeant supplied them with a map showing where mines were planted and gave them weapons as well as food.

He dispersed the guards to other posts and the young Jews escaped — because a German soldier whom they had never met before despised the Nazis for their anti-semitism.

Sometimes the rescuer was a famous person. There was Dr. Karl Hermann, a well known chemist who worked for I. G. Farben. He and his wife, Eva, had been mainline Protestants and joined the Quaker movement. They were hauled before a special court and were accused of friendship for Jews, rejection of Nazi racist teaching, and of having criticized the anti-semitism of the German government. They were also accused — and they admitted — that they had hidden Jews in their apartment during the efforts of the SS to round up all Jews for deportation.

The state's attorney asked for the death penalty, but the judges — knowing of the value which Dr. Hermann's research had for the German state — ordered his incarceration for eight years and his wife's for three. They further ruled that he could continue to work at his job during the day, but would have to spend the night in jail.

The Hermanns survived the war and so did the young couple whom they had hidden.

The famous Oskar Schindler (immortalized in the book Schindler's List) also has a page in this little paperback. While the stories are told in the dispassionate language of a court reporter, the cumulative effect of these "dry" tales is powerful. They underscore the talmudic dictum which serves as the book's motto: "He who saves a single life saves, as it were, the whole world."

Belgian king names Jew to high royal court post

BRUSSELS (JTA) —

King Baudouin of Belgium has appointed a Jewish diplomat to serve as grand marechal de la cour, equivalent of chief of protocol of the Royal Court and head of the King's civil list and court administration.

Sylvain Frey, 62, a member of a Jewish family in Antwerp, was appointed to what is one of the highest official posts in the country. He will assume his post in December.

Frey, a career diplomat, has served up to now as the Belgian ambassador in Dublin and has occupied various top level posts at the foreign ministry.

Spying by Soviets concerns Israel

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Is it possible that Israel might one day be faced with the same kind of spy scandal that has just rocked West Germany?

In recent days, I put that question to several authoritative U.S. intelligence experts — both in and out of government. They included former U.S. officials who dealt with Israel on a day-to-day basis.

Almost uniformly, they replied that it was possible, although they agreed that it was rather unlikely that a Soviet agent today could reach an equivalently high position in Israeli intelligence.

They noted that Israel's internal security was considered among the best in the world. They had very high regard for Israel's counterintelligence methods and capabilities. "The Israelis are very careful," one U.S. source said.

But he as well as others also cautioned that Israel, like every other Western country, has been heavily targeted by the Soviet Union. "The KGB wants to know very badly what's going on in Israel," another official pointed out. "We have to assume that they have tried to penetrate the military, political and intelligence establishment there."

Most specifically, the Soviets want to know exactly what Israel knows about them and their allies in the region. This is their main objective, according to U.S. experts.

The Soviets have had some spectacular successes over the years in virtually every Western country. The recent defection to East Germany of Hans Joachim Tiedge, a senior West German counterintelligence officer, was only the most recent.

Israeli officials concede that Israel — like other Western countries — does indeed have a serious security problem. The possibility of Moscow placing an agent in a senior position is constantly a matter of deep concern. One American official described this as Israel's "great nightmare." Indeed, there have been precedents.

There was the case of Yisrael Beer, the personal secretary to the late Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. He was a Soviet agent in Israel for years before his capture. Beer, a lieutenant-colonel in the reserves, had patiently worked his way up the ladder.

U.S. officials said Israeli intelligence leaders are very much aware of the dangers of penetration by the Soviet Union and other adversaries, including the Arab states.

The Soviets are known for their extreme patience, allowing a "mole" to operate silently, without any contact with the KGB, even for years before using him.

A March, 1979, report by the CIA on Israel's foreign intelligence and security services, obtained by Iranian revolutionaries following the overthrow of the Shah and subsequently published in The Washington Post and other newspapers, documented Israel's special concerns in this area of possible penetration.

"There are a little over 1,000 persons working as staff officers for Mossad and Shin Beth, all of whom have been given a long, thorough security check," the report said. "If there is the slightest doubt raised against an individual, the application is rejected.

"Personnel with leftist backgrounds generally are not trusted by leading members of the intelligence and security services. This attitude did not always apply to former members of European Communist parties, some of whom were eminently qualified for clandestine service, especially if they had renounced their Communist ideology and affiliated with the Israeli Labor Party.

"This exemption, however, has not applied since the exposure of several high-level espionage cases in governmental and political circles in the late 1960s."

The CIA report referred specifically to Beer, Aharon Cohen, described as "a Mapam Party expert on the Middle East," and Kurt Sitte, a non-Jewish professor of physics at the Technion who worked for Czech intelligence. These three cases caused the Shin Beth, the report said, "to reconsider its own security procedures while stimulating considerable doubt about the reliability of recanted Marxists."

Internal security systems

The report added: "The (Israeli) services have devised internal security systems to expose ideological weaklings by more thorough periodic checks. The Israelis believe such individuals constitute a possible long-term security threat.

"Within the intelligence and security community great pains are taken not to reveal the identities of personnel even to the average Israeli employed in the government at large. Compartmentalization is strictly maintained between services with only designated individuals, usually members of the 'hardcore,' crossing lines."

A major headache for Israel's security services has involved the huge number of Soviet Jewish immigrants who have arrived since the early 1970s. U.S. and other experts in Washington are convinced that the KGB has infiltrated some of its own agents into the ranks of Soviet Jewish arrivals. This, by the way, also includes Jewish immigrants to the United States, Canada and other countries.

According to U.S. experts, this effort almost certainly has involved the creation of false identities for some immigrants and the blackmail of others. With close family members left behind in the Soviet Union, some of these immigrants are especially vulnerable to threats against their loved ones. U.S. experts agree that some immigrants may still be ideologically aligned with the Soviet Union.

The 1979 CIA report referred to this fear in Israel: "New immigrants from the USSR and East European countries are normally denied access to classified information for a minimum of four or five years," it said. "This ruling is not always possible to enforce because of 'proteksia.'"

Still, several former U.S. intelligence officials said Israeli counterintelligence authorities were believed very efficient in avoiding penetration. The Americans also noted that the Israeli intelligence services were quite thorough in obtaining very useful information from Soviet immigrants. "They know how to pick their brains," a U.S. official said.

In short, American intelligence officials generally have high confidence in their Israeli counterparts. There is very close collaboration in a whole host of areas, especially in combatting terrorism. In some areas, there is even closer ties with Israel than with some of the NATO allies, especially West Germany.

Both Washington and Jerusalem, however, retain a healthy nervousness about the entire extremely sensitive subject. This is understandable. There have been too many failures in the past. Hopefully, they have learned from their earlier mistakes.

Zimbabwe may suggest solution for South Africa

By
RICHARD COHEN

HARARE, Zimbabwe —

She stood in line at the ministry of immigration, holding her British passport. She was English by heritage, South African by birth but raised here in the old British colony of Rhodesia. Now, five years after independence, she and others with joint citizenship were being told to choose one country or another. She had chosen to become a citizen of Zimbabwe.

Down in South Africa, the woman's choice would almost certainly be greeted with consternation. There, Zimbabwe is discussed with contempt — like a great fighter who has turned to wrestling to make a buck. It is supposed to be a nation on the slide, its economy disintegrating, rampant (Black) cronyism replacing storied (white) efficiency, the political situation for whites ever-worsening — and all because a white minority government has been replaced with a Black majority one.

If Zimbabwe is the future, many South African whites say, they'll stick with the present — as uncertain as it may be.

But if Zimbabwe is the future, then South Africans have constructed a bogeyman with which to rationalize the denial of political rights to Blacks. The first thing that strikes you here is the total lack of racial tension. After being in South Africa, it's almost startling to see neighborhoods that are both Black and white, white children playing with Blacks in schoolyards and white women pushing baby carriages down streets clogged with Black pedestrians. The country's 110,000 whites are certainly outnumbered by 8 million Blacks, but — on the street at least — the statistic is irrelevant.

In fact, so profoundly wrong were all the warnings that independence would bring a racial bloodbath, that whites who once fled are now trickling back. A woman at immigration said she knew of people who had returned from South Africa and so did a local journalist. Statistics are hard to come by, but one diplomat here said a check with local moving companies and real estate agents indicated an influx of whites. You can hardly blame them. The weather this time of the year is a sin — blue skies, low humidity, moderate temperatures.

There is little traffic, the people are courteous and, anyone of any means (and that means most whites), can enjoy a lifestyle that elsewhere is limited to rock stars, baseball players and institutional bankers. The woman at immigration, after announcing herself to be of "modest" income, admitted to several servants (cook, gardener and some part-timers) a pool and enough land to require the attention of the aforementioned gardener.

Better than that in her view is a lifestyle reminiscent of the 1950s. The only drugs kids take is for malaria — and there is no radio or television to speak of. Things are so laid-back here that, according to one resident, pilots used to announce on landing, "Welcome to Rhodesia. Set your watches back 25 years." The country's name has changed, but the pace is about the same.

Still, critical South Africans have something of a point. Since independence, Zimbabwe's economy has worsened and the country seems headed for the 1-party rule that is commonplace in Africa. There have been occasional detentions of both whites and Blacks. Whites, not surprisingly, take a keener interest in the former (if the detention of Blacks bothered them, South Africa itself would be impossible to take). As for the media, they represent a bulletin board for the government. It's quickly apparent that anyone given the title "comrade" can do no wrong.

The erosion of civil liberties is nothing to dismiss. About the best you can say for it is that the state does not discriminate racially in its abuse of power and, for the most part, is using emergency legislation passed by the old white government. Anyway, whatever the situation in Zimbabwe, it is far better for whites and Blacks than it is in South Africa for dissidents of either race — particularly Blacks.

Nothing in life is so neat that it permits an exact comparison of one country with another. South Africa and Zimbabwe are two different nations. A bitter 7-year war of independence was fought here but it may have been nothing but a lounge act for the show threatening South Africa. For one thing, the whites of what was once Rhodesia were mostly English, not Afrikaners. They had somewhere to go — South Africa, Australia, England — and a lot of them went. The Afrikaner feels the wall at his back.

Still, the woman at immigration speaks volumes about what is possible — and suggests a solution to South Africa's problem. Those there who ominously say Zimbabwe is the future ought to talk to her. She's seen it, and for her it works.

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Brief cites "real dilemma"

BB: Rights charter allows for quota systems

By
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MONTREAL —

The Equality Clause of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms appears to leave open the possibility of quota systems, says a brief presented by the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights to the federal government's Committee on Equality Rights.

Section 15 "seems to open the door to programs of affirmative action which pose a real dilemma for us, particularly as Jews, but in general for all Canadians," says the brief on Equality, Affirmative Action and Religion in the Workplace.

Sub-section (2) of section 15 states that sub-section (1), which guarantees equal rights, protection and benefits under the law for all Canadians, "does not preclude any law, program, or activity that has as its objective the amelioration of conditions of disadvantaged individuals because of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, or mental or physical disability."

The league believes that this could permit quota systems or negative affirmative action legislation to compensate for past or present discrimination in the work place.

But, says the brief, "even if we should be prepared to take some bold new social initiatives which would move Canadian society towards greater equality, we would still be left with the residue of systematic discrimination.

"The demand for some forms of affirmative action is likely to be very strong indeed . . . we cannot accept such programs enthusiastically."

It "will simply not do" to adopt a greatest good for the greatest number approach, the brief states, because society suffers when discriminatory procedures are introduced, even if it is to promote a good cause. "In some quarters it is fashionable to distinguish between quotas and goals, but if governments impose goals these will tend to become quotas in employer practice."

Instead, the brief, in one of its overall recommendations, urges quantitative objectives, and "only in the case of intentional discrimination could a quota be invoked as a remedy to correct a specific and identifiable wrong," without doing injustice to innocent bystanders — the existing work force."

The League for Human Rights further endorses "the positive aspect" of affirmative action, such as special training programs for target groups, additional public expenditure to finance such programs, and singling out those who are "truly in need" of federal assistance.

Research programs, the brief states, should also be implemented based on Canadian sources, and recommends that any affirmative action programs undertaken be "temporary, regularly reviewed and re-evaluated" to ensure that they don't impinge on equal opportunity and that they adapt to changing circumstance.

The system of merit and open competition is the best available, the brief points out, yet merit should not mean the continuation of a system based on static and unequal standards of evaluation, but rather criteria supplemented by social factors such as community service potential or linguistic skills.

"With imagination and the will," states the brief, "we can update our merit system to counter their exclusionary impact . . . (creating) an important bridge to unite Canadian society as an alternative to the rigidities and discriminatory features of quotas."

The brief also addresses the issues of equality and religion within the workplace, surveying the Jewish and Western concepts of equality through history and posing the question of "what kind of equality we seek."

In terms of "equality of opportunity," the very concept implies that "the road to success is open to all on the basis of their talent and determination. This is faulty reasoning, states the brief, because of "vast differentiations of sex, race, religion, and physical abilities.

"Rather than urging individuals to better their situation, we should combine our talents to improve conditions."

Furthermore, continues the brief, the concepts of merit and equal opportunity are closely tied and is at the heart of opposition to employment equity.

"It is difficult to unrestrictedly defend 'merit' when we all recognize that existing systems of merit have resulted in gross inequities to some groups in society . . . but we must say that at the moment we have no easy replacements for equal opportunity or merit; but we are aware that they must be questioned and revised to harmonize with our emerging reality."

The brief also recommends that employers "make reasonable accommodations" to the religious beliefs, practices, and observations of employees by providing a flexible work schedule, such as flexible hours or a system of day leaves, as long as there is "no undue hardship on the conduct of their businesses."

By the same token, the brief urges, "an employer should be free to close his place of business on the day of rest required by the rules of his religious belief."

Minority training, hiring

Effects of CBC cuts feared

MONTREAL —

The CBC should not allow its recent budget cuts to undermine the network's minority training program or its commitment to expand minority representation in its employ, says a brief on ethnic broadcasting presented by the B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights to the federal task force on broadcasting policy.

Budget cutting often affects programming of this sort, the brief says, not through bad intentions, but because hiring freezes tend to perpetuate the status quo.

It voices concern that the CBC cuts may have further significance for ethnic interests, inasmuch as the Canadian people look to the CBC for its particular role in portraying a distinct Canadian identity.

Although the CBC's record of depicting visible minorities is generally better than that of CTV, the League for Human Rights express uneasiness about any diminution of Canadian production.

The brief also recommends that safeguards be established "to ensure that media images of ethnic peoples are fair, accurate and balanced. The images, while revealing the reality and complexity of ethnic life, should permit an understanding that ethnic peoples are a contributing and important part of Canadian society, that they should be accorded fair and equal treatment and that their traditions have substantial intrinsic value and wisdom."

While "a strong and fair" multicultural broadcasting policy will portray ethnic minorities as "equal" on a certain level, it will also give expression not only to the surface differences of ethnicity, but to "differences in ways of perceiving the world and its beauty . . . and differences in ways of being dignified as a human partner in the world.

Such a policy would demonstrate that the "many ways to be dignified in the world each may contain equally mature levels of wisdom and logic," says the brief.

The brief also recommends that precautions be introduced to prevent "inaccuracies, stereotypes, and discrimination," even though they may not be easy to readily identify or measure, because studies indicate "we are dealing with an instrument (television) that has as much potential for harm as for good."

The league calls for a "balanced standard" that would promote the principle of balanced and unstereotyped portrayals. This would be achieved by "portraying ethnic peoples as they exist in reality rather than as they exist in our imagination."

Laxer will head Montreal's AJCS

MONTREAL —

Carl Laxer has been named president of the 17-agency Allied Jewish Community Services, succeeding Dodo Heppner.

Laxer previously had acted as chairman of AJCS' executive committee.

The new slate of officers, elected at a meeting of AJCS board of trustees, includes Prof. Michael Herschorn, incoming chirman of the executive committee, and four new appointments — Steve Lipper, vice-president; Yoine Goldstein secretary; and Marilyn Blumer and Henri Elbaz as officers-at-large. Dr. Maxine Sigman will become a vice-president and Richard Vineberg becomes the new treasurer.

Carl Laxer

Other officers re-elected to an additional term include vice-presidents Ruth Ballon, Hy Beraznik and Peter Wolkove.

Winnipeg Vaad elects Garfinkel

WINNIPEG —

Judge Marvin Garfinkel has been elected president of the Vaad Ha'ir of Winnipeg, which grants kashruth endorsements here and employs all shochetim and mashgichim.

Garfinkel, a native Winnipeger, was called to the bar in 1968. He practiced law for 11 years before his appointment as a judge in Provincial Family Court.

Others elected to the Vaad Ha'ir executive were Philip Weiss, vice-president; Belle Grubert, secretary; and David Diamond, treasurer. David Stitz is immediate past president.

Marvin Garfinkel

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Living Halacha

By
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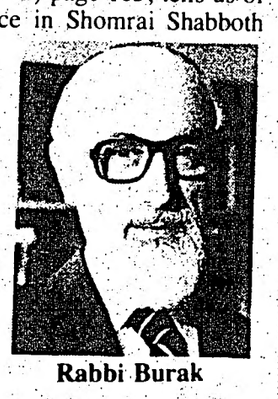
QUESTION: Do you know of any tradition suggesting that the shofar be blown on Hoshana Rabba?

Stephen A. Speisman, in his well written book, The Jews of Toronto (1979) page 103, tells us of a dispute that took place in Shomrai Shabboth Synagogue during 1906 on this topic. "The dispute originated in religious practice; that is whether or not the shofar (ram's horn) should be sounded on the festival of Hoshana Rabba, a minhag over which there had long been a difference of opinion between the two parts of Galicia."



Rabbi Burak

Dr. Speisman, as an historian, was not in a position to study the theological implications in this matter. They go far beyond Galicia and Toronto. The issue even came to a boil in Palestine a century ago, and it has its roots far back in Jewish practice over the centuries.

In the 8th issue of Hamisderona, a magazine published in Jerusalem a hundred years ago, there was a peppery article on this topic. I read it in the Maimonides Library of Tel Aviv when doing some research there. Here is the text: "And only recently a man has arrived in Jerusalem, a man who introduces new rites. And for several years now he has started to blow the shofar during the hakafos of Hoshana Rabba, as it was done when the people (in the days of Joshuah) marched around the walls of Jericho and blew the shofar there. . . .

"Is this not the sin of 'thou shalt not ad to the law' for which the penalty is flagellation, even as this is the penalty meted out to one who sleeps in the succah on the eighth day of Shemini 'Atzeres? And the fact that this custom is mentioned by the early authorities has no bearing at all. It is not a good custom. It should not be followed."

This was harsh, tough talk by the editor; such talk was bound to get him into trouble, and it did. Shoshanna Halevy, in her Hebrew volume, The First Hebrew Books Printed in the Second Half of the Nineteenth Century (1841-1890), printed in Jerusalem in 1975, tells us on page 186, that the reading of this periodical was prohibited.

Hoshana Rabba is a very special day. The liturgy is an amalgam of week day, Holy Day, and High Holy Day prayers. The Ta'ame ha-Minhagim tells us that there were those who said in the Amidah the words ha-melech ha-kadosh even as they are said in the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The kabbalists view Hoshana Rabba as the day on which the tickets to a happy and healthy New Year are handed out. You do everything in your power to get that ticket. You stay up all night long, praying, studying and meditating. Shofar? Maybe.

I asked one of the learned members of my congregation, Joshuah Steinfeld, if they blew the shofar in Chmelnik on Hoshana Rabba. His reply was that it wasn't done, but he would look up some of the volumes in his library to see what they had to say.

He came back with a notation that in Eisenstein's Ozar Dinim u-Minhagim, page 95, column 1, it is stated that the Shelah cites this custom. Rabbi Yeshaya Horowitz (1565-1630) is the author of the Shelah. In my copy of the Shelah, printed in the Shanghai internment camp by the Yeshiva Chachmei Lublin in 5706, page 353, it is stated that "some congregations in Israel blow the shofar. . . ."

Rabbi Moshe Ibn Makhir who was Rosh Yeshiva in Ein Zeetim, Palestine, had a book of his published in 1599 in Venice. In my copy of his Seder ha-Yom (Warsaw, 1876), on page 94, he states: "And one blows shofar in the order of tashrat, so as to awaken the mercy." Here there is no qualification or hesitation. He was a kabbalist and a Rosh Yeshiva.

ADL material helps lead to arrest

S.F. pipe bomb suspect charged

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) —

Material supplied to the police department by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith helped lead to the arrest of Coy Ray Phelps, charged with placing pipe bombs at several San Francisco sites, including one synagogue (CJN, Sept. 26).

Although the SFPO, the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Federal Bureau of Investigations had begun their surveillance of Phelps last week, papers the ADL has collected since 1978 "helped to add credence" to the joint investigation, according to Inspector Tom Dickson, SFPO liaison to the Jewish community.

Phelps, 51, who was arraigned before U.S. Magistrate Frederick J. Woelflen, was charged with four federal felony counts — for the placement of explosive devices in a business and ethnic studies classroom at San Francisco State University on May 14, Congregation Adath Israel on July 1 and the Horowitz Family Education Center at Congregation Beth Sholom two weeks ago.

He was also charged with planting a device that exploded at the headquarters of the Humanist Party.

Each count carries a 10-year sentence and $250,000 fine. Phelps is being held without bail at SF county jail.

Phelps had also been a suspect in the 1979 bombings of the now-closed Merkaz Bookstore and Young Israel, both on Noriega St., near Congregation Adath Israel. However, "there was nothing to tie him to either of the firebombs," according to Dickson.

ADL had followed Phelps since 1979, regional director Rhonda Abrams said, describing the bombing suspect as "extremely vicious, pro-violence, anti-Jewish, anti-Black and anti-Communist." The human rights organization was alerted to a recorded hate message answering Phelps' phone, a diatribe against Jews, Blacks, feminists, homosexuals and Communists. However, ADL's files did not contain any materials from Phelps since 1982. "We had not seen nor heard from him until now," Abrams said.

Preliminary investigation completed

NB prosecutor receives Ross file

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Moncton, NB police force has completed a preliminary investigation of three books by Malcolm Ross, the Maritime leader of the Christian Defence League of Canada, and has passed the file along to a Crown prosecutor.

Supt. George Hennessy of the Moncton force confirmed to The CJN that Ross's file has been sent to Crown prosecutor Anthony Allman in Moncton.

Ross is the author, publisher and distributor of several books that allege an international Jewish financial/Communist conspiracy and that the Holocaust was a hoax. [CJN, Aug. 22]

Last July, Dr. Julius Israeli, a retired chemistry professor in Newcastle, about 100 miles north of Moncton, laid a charge against Ross of wilfully promoting hatred against Jews under section 281.2 (2) of the Criminal Code.

The section is the same one under which former Eckville, Alta. teacher James Keegstra was convicted and fined for teaching that the Holocaust never happened and that Jews are plotting to take over the world.

An Orthodox Jew and Holocaust survivor who lost most of his family at Auschwitz, Israeli filed the charges with the RCMP, who passed the case to local police.

"We've completed a preliminary investigation," Hennessy said. "But it will take a lot more investigation."

Ross, 39, is the author of *The Real Holocaust*, *Web of Deceit* and *Christianity vs. Judeo-Christianity*, books that question the number of Jews killed in the Holocaust and that warn of a worldwide conspiracy by Jews to take over the world.

Israeli said Ross runs the Stronghold Publishing Co. of Moncton, which prints and distributes the books. He said another distributor of these and other books that deny the Holocaust is the Canadian League of Rights, a conservative citizens group based in Flesherton, Ont.

Hennessy would not say what the content of the police force's reports were or whether it recommended laying charges against Ross.

Even if the Crown prosecutor recommends that criminal charges be laid against Ross, the case would still have to be taken to the province's attorney-general, whose consent to prosecute is required under law.

Crown attorney Allman told The CJN he has not received the file yet, but it would take him "two or three weeks" to go through it when he does.

Meanwhile, Israeli told The CJN he obtained the books in question at his local library, via an inter-library loan from the National Library of Canada in Ottawa.

He said he was also able to get *The Hoax of the 20th Century* by Arthur Butz, one of the more infamous works in the genre of Holocaust denial.

National Library of Canada spokesman Ruth Lawless said Canadian law requires every publisher in the country to forward two copies of each book they print to the library, Canada's flagship collection of books.

In return, Lawless said, the library is required to "preserve" the books. She said every publisher in Canada, regardless of repute, has to abide by this law and that the library is also bound to keep the books and make them available, regardless of their content.

Kahane speech drowned out

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Thousands of anti-Kach and anti-racist demonstrations packed the Wollin square in Givatayim near Tel Aviv last week to prevent Kach leader and Knesset member Rabbi Meir Kahane making his views heard.

The police at first refused a permit to the anti-Kach demonstrators, headed by a rare coalition of all members of the Givatayim town council, to hold a counter-demonstration simultaneously with Kahane. Later they agreed that the rally could be held at the conclusion of Kahane's address.

Kach had distributed thousands of leaflets throughout the town, asking residents to turn out in force to attend his meeting.

Givatayim Mayor Yitzhak Yaron said:

"We will respond to Kahane's invitation to attend — but we won't let him be heard."

Hours before the scheduled start of the Kach meeting the square was packed with thousands of people, many of them carrying whistles, hooters and rattles and clappers usually used on Purim to drown the name of Haman during the reading of the Megillah.

A number of Knesset members, mostly from the left-wing segments, were among the crowd, as well as hundreds of boy scouts and youth movement members.

Very heavy police reinforcements estimated at well over 600 stood by with water cannons to form a protective wall between Kahane and his followers and the anti-racist demonstrators.

Kahane was pelted with eggs and tomatoes when he arrived. The windshield of his car was broken by a stone. An overseas television network cameraman was also hit by a stone. Several arrests were made.

Kahane tried to speak for about half an hour, but only a score or so of his followers in the front row of the crowd could make out his words because of the noise of heckling and the sound of the noisemakers.

Spokesmen for the anti-discrimination demonstrators appeared pleased by the results. "We have struck the first blow for democracy and against Kahaneism," one of them announced.

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Kirkpatrick, rescue honored

NEW YORK —

Jeane Kirkpatrick, former United States envoy to the United Nations, and Operation Moses, the rescue mission that brought thousands of Ethiopian Jews to Israel, are the co-recipients of the 1985 $100,000 Jabotinsky Prize-Defender of Jerusalem Award.

In announcing the awards, Eryk Spektor, chairman of the Jabotinsky Foundation said, "We are proud to honor Ambassador Kirkpatrick for her valiant support of Israel and the Jewish people during her tenure at the United Nations. Mrs. Kirkpatrick spoke out tirelessly and eloquently in the face of constant hostility and harassment."

"We are also pleased to honor Operation Moses," Spektor said. "This rescue mission, which brought endangered Ethiopian Jews to the State of Israel, embodies the spirits of Zeev Jabotinsky, who in the late 1930s warned the Jews of Europe to flee the impending Nazi Holocaust. The award to Operation Moses affirms the crucial importance of rescuing beleaguered Jews of the Diaspora."

Spektor announced that the Operation Moses award funds will be used to create 50 Jabotinsky scholarships at Israeli institutions of higher learning for young Ethiopian olim.

Tory MPs say trip would jeopardize integrity

Deschenes proposal to go to USSR, Poland hit

[Canadian Press and staff]

The federal commission investigating alleged Nazi war criminals in Canada has come under fire for proposing a trip to the USSR and Poland to investigate what it terms "serious allegations" against eight individuals.

A number of Conservative MPs have written to the commissioner, Mr. Justice Jules Deschenes, in opposition to the trip.

They include David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona), the chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, who told Deschenes that the trip would jeopardize the integrity of the commission.

And at a commission hearing last week in Hull, Que., a lawyer representing veterans of the first division of the Ukrainian National Army insisted Soviet bloc information is tainted and urged Deschenes to abandon any thought of visiting the Soviet Union and Poland.

"Your commission should not have anything to do with a system that is dictated by a party of political faith . . . by a tyrannical dictatorship," said Toronto lawyer Y. R. Botiuk.

The commission, established by Justice Minister John Crosbie last February to investigate whether there are war criminals in Canada and, if so, how they might be brought to justice, says evidence about the eight suspects appears to be available in the Soviet Union, Poland, the United States, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News in March, Deschenes said that he would not rule out using evidence from East bloc countries.

But he cautioned that "a judgment will have to be passed on the reliability of any piece of evidence that is being offered, wherever it comes from."

Lawyers for two Jewish organizations argued at the Hull hearing that the work of the commission will be incomplete if it refuses to consider Soviet evidence.

David Matas, a Winnipeg lawyer who represents the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith, said there would be "a particular gap in the commission's work" if it decides not to accept Soviet evidence.

David Kilgour

It would be wrong for the commission to conclude that all Soviet evidence is false simply because the Soviet justice system is weak, in the same way it would be wrong to conclude that all Canadian testimony is correct simply because the justice system here is strong, he said.

And Irwin Cotler, representing the Canadian Jewish Congress, noted that the United States and West Germany have used Soviet evidence to act against suspected Nazi war criminals on many occasions and have encountered no forged documents or perjury.

Botiuk said he would not object to the commission's visiting the United States, the United Kingdom or the Netherlands.

But Soviet witnesses, harassed and intimidated by the KGB secret service, would not provide reliable information, he said, adding any evidence gathered in East bloc countries would be deemed unacceptable in Canadian courts.

Instead of traveling to the Soviet Union and Poland, the commission should invite pertinent witnesses to testify in Canada and the Canadian government could then offer them political asylum, Botiuk suggested.

Cotler sympathized with some of Botiuk's concerns, but said the commission should not be overly concerned about the state of the Soviet legal system. After all, evidence would be collected by Canadians, under Canadian procedures and for use in Canadian courts.

(Cotler has firsthand knowledge of Soviet jurisprudence. He has attempted to represent Soviet Jews charged with various crimes in Soviet courts.)

He rejected Botiuk's suggestion that the Soviet Union would use the opportunity to discredit East European immigrants to Canada. The commission, not the Soviets, identified the eight people it wants to investigate further, he noted.

Many of the Soviet witnesses were victims of the Holocaust and would welcome an opportunity to bring war criminals to justice, he said, adding it is false and misleading to label all Soviet evidence as KGB propaganda.

The commission is hearing more arguments this week from the Canadian Ukrainian Committee before deciding whether it should travel abroad.

Federal lawyer Ian Binnie noted last week that the cabinet order-in-council establishing the commission gives it the right to travel and Ottawa will not object if it wants to collect evidence overseas.

Crosbie believes the question of travel "is to be left firmly in the hands of (your) tribunal," Binnie told the commissioner.

But Andrew Witer, a Conservative backbencher who represents the Toronto riding of Parkdale-High Park, raised the issue in the Commons the day after the hearing.

He said that a number of MPs had been denied permission to appear before the commission to voice their view and those of their constituents. (Only groups with official standing before the committee have been asked to make representations on the issue.)

"How can the commission naively believe that Soviet authorities have justice in mind when they themselves committed atrocities during the war and continue to be the most repressive government in modern times?" Witer demanded.

In a direct attack on the position of the League for Human Rights and Congress, Witer said, "It is even more surprising to hear groups which so effectively discredited the Soviet judicial system, especially with regard to trials against Soviet citizens, now argue that the commission would be shirking its responsibility if it did not go to the USSR.

"If such evidence is accepted by the commission, it will, in effect be approving and accepting the present legal system of the USSR, a system that is corrupt. Canadians will never give approval to such abrogation of fundamental freedoms."

In his letter to Deschenes, Kilgour, who has a longstanding interest in external affairs and was in the Soviet Union on a parliamentary fact finding mission earlier this year, said he fears the trip would tear apart the "Canadian family" of immigrants.

"All sources available to me indicate that the government of the USSR is anxious to attack by any and all available means anti-Communist Canadians of origin in areas or nations controlled by Moscow, to divide Canadians on the basis of cultural or religious origins and to separate North America from the West European (allies)."

If the commission gathers evidence against Canadians in a jurisdiction that does not respect the presumption of innocence, it will be stripping all suspects of protections under the Charter of Rights.

Lawyer Jack Silverstone, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, who heads up Congress' representation at the Deschenes commission hearings, told The CJN that the MPs protesting the trip "don't really understand the issue. It's not a witch hunt. The issue is obtaining the best evidence available wherever the evidence is.

"The evidence being taken abroad is for a Canadian commission of inquiry, by a Canadian commission of inquiry, under Canadian rules of evidence."

John Oostrom, another Tory MP who has joined in the protests, represents the Toronto riding of Willowdale, which has the second largest Jewish population (25%) in Canada.

He told The CJN that he has received a number of calls from constituents of Eastern European origin opposing the trip, but has had no input from Jews in the riding.

Oostrom said that he objects only to the type of evidence that would come from East bloc countries, but he would support the commission's traveling to Western European countries like the Netherlands "particularly as my father was in the (Dutch) underground. I feel these (war criminals) people should be prosecuted.

"As I said in the Commons when the commission was established, we must bring these criminals to justice in Canada, so that our brave men will not have died in vain."

In a related development, Arthur Hiess, Eastern Region director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith, said that the Jewish community of France would welcome a visit from the Deschenes commission.

Hiess recently returned from Paris, where he met with leaders of the Anti-Defamation League, the only European office of the agency which is affiliated with B'nai B'rith.

He said the French ADL is prepared to cooperate fully should the commission travel to Europe.

French ADL officials, however, are concerned about the admissibility of Soviet evidence, said Heiss. "There is a feeling that any Soviet evidence should be verified for its legitimacy so that the Jewish community is not caught in the trap of being pawns in the Soviet propaganda game."

Israelis mourn death of W. German publisher

JERUSALEM (JTA) — "Israel has lost a man who was very close to her," Mayor Teddy Kollek said last week in his eulogy for Axel Springer, the West German publishing empire mogul who died in West Berlin of a heart attack. He was 73 years old.

Kollek said he had also lost a personal friend, whom he had known for 20 years. The mayor noted that Springer regarded Jerusalem as his second home. Springer owned a house on King David St.

Kollek recalled that Springer came to Israel during her most difficult times, such as the first days of the Six Day War in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

"He used to defend the case of Israel in every form and every forum," Kollek said. "He was a central fighter against the supply of German arms to Arab countries. He did his utmost to prevent the sale of Leopard tanks to Arab armies. There was not one speech of his in which he failed to mention Jerusalem."

Premier Shimon Peres also expressed sorrow over the death of Springer, whom he described as a great friend of Israel and the Jewish people.

Journalist Francis Ofner, an advisor to the Axel Springer Publishing Group in Israel, who had known the publisher for over 20 years, described him as a brilliant journalist, a top negotiator and a generous and warm human being. Ofner said Springer had been motivated in his defence of Israel and the Jewish people by the Jewish sources of Christianity, and by the German debt to Israel.

Springer, who built West Germany's largest publishing empire, was closely associated with the Christian Democratic Party and was a leading conservative voice for three decades. His group published Bild Zeitung, Die Welt, Bild am Sonntag and Welt am Sonntag, among numerous other publications.

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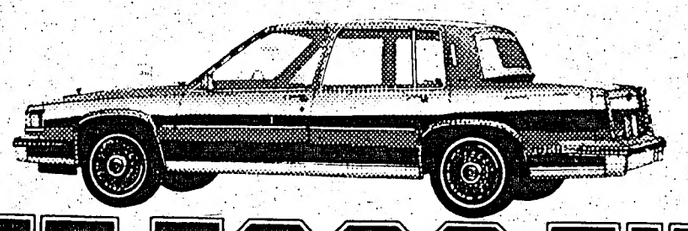

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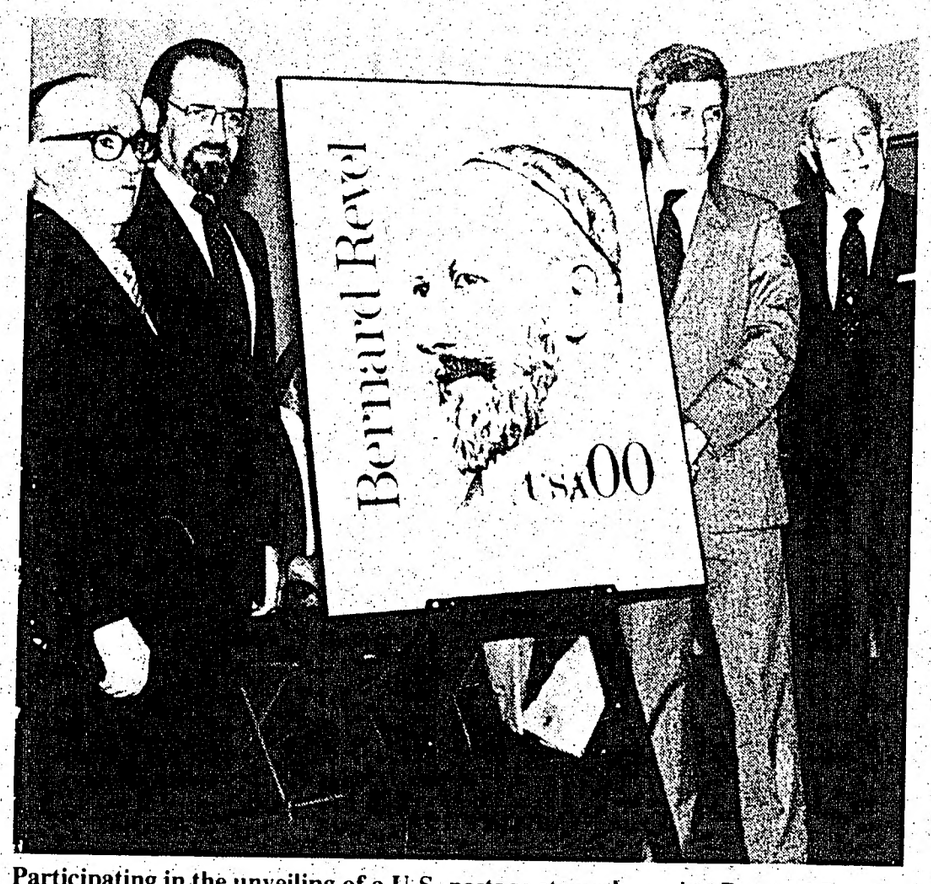

Participating in the unveiling of a U.S. postage stamp honoring Bernard Revel, Yeshiva University's first president, are (from left) Jack Weiler, national general chairman of the university's centennial celebration; Norman Lamm, university president; Walter Duka, assistant U.S. postmaster-general; and Herbert Tenzer, chairman of the university's board of trustees.

NEW YORK —

A United States postage stamp honoring Bernard Revel, Yeshiva University's first president, was unveiled here recently at the university before an audience of 1,200 including Revel's relatives, former students and inheritors of his educational legacy.

The university's third president, Norman Lamm, called Revel "a visionary founder . . . who had enormous impact on American Jewry and America."

Then he and the other participants and spectators cheered as U.S. assistant postmaster-general Walter Duka unsheathed an oversized replica of the stamp design on the very stage from which Revel delivered his final shiur (talmudic discourse) in 1940, weeks before his death.

The stamp, part of the U.S. Postal Service's "Great American" series commemorating the contributions of such luminaries as author Pearl Buck, diplomat Ralph Bunche, statesman Henry Clay, educator Horace Mann and composer Igor Stravinsky, will be issued in 1986, the centennial year of the university.

The unveiling ceremony thus constituted a double centennial. It was the first major event of the university's more-than-year-long centennial celebration, and it came eight days in advance of the 100th anniversary of Revel's birth.

Revel was born in Kovno, Lithuania. He was the son of Rabbi Nachum and Leah Revel, and was recognized as a child prodigy by the age of 5, due to his ability to memorize and expound on extensive selections of difficult Talmudic texts.

He came to the United States in 1906 at the age of 21, and he became a naturalized citizen in 1912. In that same year, he earned his PhD in philosophy from Dropsie College in Philadelphia.

In 1915, he assumed the presidency of the newly merged Yeshiva Eitz Chaim with the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary on the Lower East Side.

Under his leadership, an innovative educational philosophy evolved. Secular and religious studies from secondary through college level were to be combined in a program — Torah U'Madah — meeting the needs of young Jewish people as they began to adapt and contribute their abilities to their new land.

Soon after the reorganization of the curriculum, Revel planned and nurtured the first American college under Jewish auspices, Yeshiva College, consisting of a liberal arts program in conjunction with Jewish studies, and a school of higher Jewish learning that later became known as the Bernard Revel Graduate School.

Revel served as president of the institution until his death on Dec. 2, 1940.

Lamm ascended to the presidency of Yeshiva University nine years ago following the death of Revel's successor and Lamm's own mentor, Samuel Belkin, whose widow, Abby Belkin, attended the ceremony. He recalled both of his predecessors fondly and said he could sense Revel's living presence when he first arrived in 1945 as a freshman at Yeshiva College, the men's undergraduate, liberal arts and sciences division of the university.

"The name Revel was a legend in these halls," Lamm said. "I knew immediately the school I was attending had been led by a man of high scholarship who formulated the internal soul of Yeshiva University and defined its institutional mission. He was a visionary founder, a sensitive human being, a devoted Jew, and loyal American who had an enormous impact on American Jewry and America."

Lamm noted that while the institution he led was still a college at the time of his death, Revel had dreamed of the day it would be a university and had established its first graduate school — which now is named the Bernard Revel Graduate School (BRGS). The dean of BRGS, Leo Landman, delivered the invocation.

Jack Weiler, a member of the university's board of trustees and chairman emeritus of the board of overseers of the university's Albert Einstein College of Medicine, formally thanked Duka and the postal service for honoring Revel.

"The unveiling of this U.S. stamp is only the first event in a series which will mark the centennial of our great university," noted Weiler, who is serving as national general chairman of Yeshiva university's centennial celebration.

Some 70 descendants of Revel and his wife, Sarah Travis Revel, traveled to the ceremony from as far away as California, Oklahoma, and Florida. One, Norman Levy, a New York City business executive who is a nephew of Revel, served as official family representative during the unveiling.

The relatives were honored at a luncheon following the ceremony, where their presence was saluted by the chairman of the university's board of trustees, former Congressman Herbert Tenzer. Following the luncheon, they helped to open a special exhibit, A Portrait of Dr. Revel, at the Yeshiva University Museum. The descendants themselves had provided the museum with many of the artifacts on display.

Zitzerman takes over

JNF elects new president

WINNIPEG —

Saul Zitzerman of Winnipeg was elected president of the Jewish National Fund of Canada (Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel) Inc., at its annual meeting held here recently. Zitzerman, a lawyer, succeeded Alexander (Bobby) Mayers of Montreal who held the post for three years.

Zitzerman, indicated that foundation projects provide the main source of income for JNF of Canada. "Our primary objective in the coming year," Zitzerman said, "will be to substantially increase the number of individuals who participate in JNF Foundation projects as a means of linking their names, or that of their loved ones, in perpetuity with the State of Israel.

The new president noted that while traditional JNF activities such as Negev Tributes, tree sales, Blue Boxes, inscription in the Golden Book, sefer Bar and Bat Mitzvah and sefer Hayeled, provide important sources of income for JNF undertakings in Israel, more than 60% of JNF funds comes from foundation projects.

These ongoing projects include: Galil Canada, the new Redeemers of Jerusalem launched in 1984, the Aliza Begin Forest and Canada Park. The Galil Canada project, launched in 1979 with an objective of $15 million and expanded in 1981, has already raised close to $27 million.

In his report as outgoing president, Mayers said cash flow from all sources achieved a record high in 1984 of close to four million dollars. He expressed warm thanks and appreciation to the thousands of workers and supporters of JNF across the country and the professional staff.

Mayers paid special tribute to Michael Goldstein, executive vice-president, who replaced Maj.-Gen. David Ofer in the fall of 1984.

Other national officers elected were: national vice-presidents, David Dennis, Harry Feldman, Jack Gwartz and Abe Jampolsky; Treasurer, Leonard Kaplansky and secretary, Frances Mandell. Abe Silverman of Edmonton continues on as chairman of the National Management Committee.

Vice-Presidents of regions are: Atlantic, Irwin Lampert, Quebec and Ottawa, Yoine Goldstein; Ontario, Lewis Moses; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Alberta, Jack Mayer and British Columbia, Allan Blumanfald.

Saul Zitzerman (left) takes over from Alexander (Bobby) Mayers (right) as president of the Jewish National Fund of Canada.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. KATZMAN has been researching their origin over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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ALTSCHULER — ASH

The Altschuler family originated in Prague. Its name was derived from Alt Schul (the old synagogue) whose patrons were known as the altschulers. The famous Jewish author Sholem Asch owes his family name to Altschul, being an acronym formed by the first letters A from Alt and Sch from schul. Asher comes from the same source.

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By
DAVID BIRKAN

Rabbi Moshe Sofer, Austro-Hungary's foremost traditional authority, died Oct. 3, 1839. Better known as the Chatam Sofer of Pressburg (Bratislava in eastern Czechoslovakia), he braced his community's Judaism against the rising winds of change from the West.

Sofer left his birthplace of Frankfurt as a teenager to follow his mentor Rabbi Nathan Adler, a mystically inclined halachic scholar. After a number of posts of increasing importance, he was appointed spiritual leader of Pressburg, Central Europe's capital of traditional Judaism. He was then 44 years of age, an authority respected for his halachic decisions, moral integrity and ardor for maintaining the all-encompassing Torah-centred lifestyle associated with East European chassidic and ultra-Orthodox circles.

Sofer reacted strongly to the diverse westernizing trends shaking European Jewry: the movement founded by Moses Mendelssohn for Orthodox Jewry to devote attention to secular studies and forms, and Reform's efforts to substantially shorten and revise Jewish ritual and observance.

Hallowed by use

Decrying any change for its own sake, he declared that time-tested Jewish customs, minhagim, were hallowed by use and possessed the same binding force on Jews as the biblical commandments themselves, the mitzvot. He condemned the "innovators" for undermining Jewish observance and hence the Jews' relationship with God.

Sofer sought to fix the form of Jewish observance according to the East European model, which he deemed the pinnacle of religious life in a pre-Messianic world.

In addition to strengthening Pressburg's already prodigious religious institutions, he founded a yeshiva dedicated to the promulgation of his ideas. It drew students from one end of Europe to the other, and became the largest Torah academy since the Babylonian era.

Despite his reluctance to dispute fellow Jews, Sofer waged a vigorous war against modernity and against secular studies not undertaken for the strict purpose of making a living. He overshadowed local opponents with the full force of his outspoken personality, while urging his followers to regard them as pariahs.

In addition to strengthening educational and communal institutions, Sofer reinforced the status and zeal of the rabbinate, organizing its members into a united front against westernizing trends. He made allies of the chassidim, who until that time were opposed by the rest of Orthodoxy. While shunning the struggle for political emancipation as another aspect of westernization, he influenced the government to deny legal, religious or social recognition locally to the Reform groups.

Sofer also encouraged followers to found communities in the land of Israel — whose Jewish population was still largely Sephardic — for prayer and Torah study, and urged their support in Europe.

Ethical will

Two years before his death, he released his famous ethical will, a legacy of spiritual insights and moral imperatives. While ostensibly for his children and grandchildren, it also presents all his followers across the gamut of the Jewish community, with a summation of the Chatam Sofer's teachings.

The urge: diligent and wholehearted Torah study with the traditional commentaries of Rashi and Nachmanides; avoiding the theatre and presumably all secular entertainments; maintaining traditional Jewish name, garb and language; limiting women's study to Yiddish books of biblical folklore; and avoiding pride in times of material plenty and despair in poverty.

The will concludes with an implicit precaution against yielding to "changing times," since "our father of yore . . . has not changed . . . and will not change."

The strong posthumous influence of the Chatam Sofer was amplified by his sons and son-in-law, who inherited the spiritual leadership of the Pressburg, Cracow and Vienna communities. He remains a strong influence in Orthodox circles in the Diaspora and Israel.

Rock star speaks to UJA young professionals

Zappa hits censorship in records

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The United Jewish Appeal could probably not have gotten a more unlikely opening speaker for its latest series of breakfast lectures than rock star Frank Zappa.

But last week at the Leah Posluns Theatre, Zappa spoke to over 100 of the UJA's young professional leadership on censorship in the United States, his latest *cause celebre*.

Wearing a black suit and blue shirt and sporting an uncharacteristic short haircut, the often outrageous singer/composer whose work has raised many an eyebrow said censorship in the Unites States is "widespread" and is now threatening to spill over to the world of rock 'n roll lyrics.

Frank Zappa

Zappa was one of three pop musicians who testified recently before a U.S. Senate subcommittee on the excesses of rock lyrics.

Formed under pressure from the Parents Music Resource Centre (PMRC) and the National Parent-Teacher Association, the subcommittee heard arguments for and against rating rock records on a system that would be similar to movie ratings.

Zappa warned against this, saying it's everyone's "constitutional right" not to purchase rock records or to buy records that have no lyrics, such as jazz or classical.

The PMRC, Zappa said, had wanted rock records categorized as follows: X for sexual content; D/A for drugs and alcohol mentioned in songs; V for violence and O for occult messages of devil worship.

Zappa said the group has since backed down from that demand and would now settle for a symbol on the record jacket warning parents of the racy lyrics inside.

"It sounds like a really stupid thing to talk about," he said. "Who really cares about a bunch of guys wearing leather clothes with weird hair on, singing songs about oral sex at gunpoint?"

But, Zappa warned, the move toward censoring rock lyrics "is just the beginning of a major move in the United States to control the output of all different types of information in all different types of media."

The PMRC, he pointed out, has already targeted performers like Cyndi Lauper, Bruce Springsteen and even the sugary pop of Captain and Tennille as possible objects of censorship.

Zappa said only 5% of rock lyrics would fall into the category the PMRC fears most.

"The complete list of PMRC demands reads like an instruction manual for some sinister kind of toilet-training program to housebreak all composers and performers.

"These ladies (the PMRC) are playing on the fears of the American public of guys dressed in leather with weird hair. They're going to fool a lot of Americans into believing that we must clamp down on it," Zappa said.

"I think it's bad to control what people say, even people you don't agree with. I'm in favor of giving people a chance to say what they want to say and let them make fools out of themselves while they're saying it."

Reading from the testimony he gave to the subcommittee, Zappa said "freedom of speech, freedom of religious thought and right to due process for composers, performers and retailers" would be imperiled if the PMRC and major record labels start censoring lyrics.

The PMRC's proposals "are equivalent to treating dandruff by decapitation."

As for rock videos, Zappa said the U.S. Federal Communications Commission "will probably do something" about them soon.

The UJA has promised other big name speakers for their morning Eye Openers lecture series.

Linowitz: Reagan missed chance for autonomy pact

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

President Ronald Reagan missed a great opportunity to reach an agreement establishing "full autonomy" for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip after taking office in January of 1981.

This is the conclusion of Ambassador Sol Linowitz, who served as President Jimmy Carter's special representative to the Middle East. Linowitz has just completed his long-awaited memoirs, entitled The Making of a Public Man, which is being published in the United States by Little, Brown and Company.

In a chapter on his experiences in the Middle East, Linowitz estimated that "four-fifths" of the way to an autonomy agreement had been achieved, "and the five major issues still on the table were all, I thought, capable of resolution." Those five points, he said, dealt with public lands, water rights, security, overall powers of the proposed self-governing authority and the Palestinians in East Jerusalem.

"I believe that an autonomy agreement for the Palestinians could have been achieved in 1981, and for the simplest of reasons — the leaders were Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin," Linowitz wrote. "They knew and respected each other, and understood each other's political bases, strengths, and weaknesses.

"Sadat referred to Begin as 'my cousin Menachem,' and once said to me that he and Begin had told each other 'things we have never told anyone else, including our wives.'

"Each, for his own reasons, needed a successful conclusion to the process Sadat had set in motion in 1977. Begin was facing an election, and the polls showed his coalition well behind the Labor Party. He could have used an opportunity to prove he was truly a peacemaker. Neither man was a free agent or could ignore the great political, religious, and economic forces that play for eternity in this cockpit of the world. But both were men of force and strength who could use reality to change reality."

Linowitz, now a highly-respected private lawyer in Washington, said he urged President Ronald Reagan and then-secretary of State Alexander Haig to move quickly in trying to nail down an autonomy agreement.

"Coming to office with a clean slate in January, 1981," Linowitz said, "Ronald Reagan and Alexander Haig could, I think, have brought them (Sadat and Begin) together and shielded them with American power and prestige while they did what had to be done. This is what I told Haig soon after he took office: that he and the President should declare their sense of the urgency of a successful conclusion of the Egypt-Israel autonomy negotiations, and appoint as my successor someone known to have the ear, the confidence, and the trust of the President. But they had other priorities."

Linowitz said he had some strong reservations about accepting the Middle East assignment from the start, largely because he was "a committed and involved Jew." But Carter insisted on the appointment, noting that former secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, and former Middle East envoy, Robert Strauss, were also Jewish and yet had been able to operate in the Middle East.

"My situation, I said, was different," Linowitz replied, "because my Jewish involvements were far deeper than theirs." He cited his association with the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and the American Jewish committee.

But in the end, he accepted Carter's proposal.

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Editorial

Nix arms sale

We note with some alarm that the United States will shortly be selling two Arab countries, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, more than $500 million worth of military hardware.

The original date for the proposed sale was to be on Sept. 13, but administration officials, sensitive to the timing issue, felt it inappropriate to announce the sale shortly before the Jewish High Holidays.

After examining the proposed dispatch of weapons, it strikes us that the deal is inappropriate at any time.

President Reagan wants to give the Saudis 40 F-15 fighter jets, the most advanced combat aircraft in the world. In addition, the sale will include helicopters, Sidewinder air-to-air missiles. TOW anti-tank missiles and Stinger ground-to-air missiles. Jordan will get 54 F-20 fighters as well as an assortment of other weapons.

There is no doubt that the Reagan administration, emboldened by its success in the AWACS transaction of a few years ago, now feels that it has carte blanche to sell the Saudis anything it wants from its weapons arsenal.

This is an unfortunate development.

A large number of American senators are preparing to battle the state department's decision in this regard; the fight will begin shortly after the holiday season.

The senators reject the administration's argument that arms to Jordan and Saudi Arabia are needed to help those countries ward off an increasingly rapacious Syrian regime and to provide an incentive for continued progress in Middle East peace talks.

We agree with the senators' view that such reasoning is specious. Jordan and Saudi Arabia — along with all the other Arab countries (Egypt excepted) — do not even recognize Israel's right to exist. Giving them some of the most advanced weaponry in the world is not going to do anything to advance the progress of peace in the area.

Hypocritical move

Press reports indicate that Britain's prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, has agreed to the participation of two members of the PLO in a projected meeting to discuss an agenda for peacemaking in the Middle East.

Mrs. Thatcher's decision is a surprising one.

Since her rise to power, Britain has taken firm steps whenever its national interests are seen to be in jeopardy.

When Northern Ireland became a battleground several years ago between Protestants and the Irish Republican Army, Britain dispatched a huge military force to maintain the political equilibrium of the beleaguered area of the United Kingdom.

Since that time Britain and the IRA have been locked in mortal combat. Under Mrs. Thatcher's tutelage, no quarter has been given to what her advisors regularly call "the IRA terrorists."

This past month, when the BBC planned to program an interview with a suspected IRA leader in a segment on Northern Ireland, indirect government pressure was brought to bear on the broadcast commission. The program was not run. To protest this action, BBC staffers staged a 1-day strike.

To our knowledge, Mrs. Thatcher has not called for peace-making talks in which members of the IRA would be involved.

In 1982, when Argentina unilaterally absorbed what its government called the Malvinas, Mrs. Thatcher had no time to invite members of that country's ruling party for talks on the issue of the disputed territory. Thatcher simply sent the troops in.

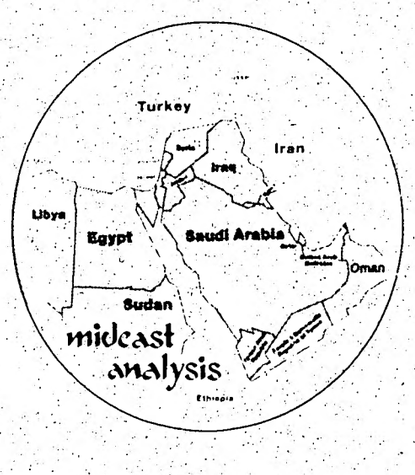
The message is clear: when the interests of Britain are at stake, no negotiations occur between her and her antagonists.

We note, however, that Britain is ready to shelve this principle when the interests of Israel are in question.

Defenders of Mrs. Thatcher's move on the PLO will call it political maturity and flexibility. We call it odious hypocrisy.

Grave situation

West Bank violence continues



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Thirteen Israelis, soldiers and civilians, have been killed on the West Bank since the beginning of the year, and Israel has responded by cracking down hard on the Palestinian Arab population.

The West Bank, a strategic area captured by Israel in the Six Day War, has passed through turbulent times before. Palestinians fed up with Israel's occupation, which has been both benevolent and brutal, have expressed their anger and frustration by staging general strikes, throwing rocks, burning tires and, in extreme cases, killing Israelis.

But the latest wave of violence to hit the West Bank, which began last February with the fatal shooting of a reserve soldier in the village of El Bira, is probably the most serious to confront the Israeli authorities since 1982.

Three years ago, prior to Israel's invasion of Lebanon, the West Bank was convulsed by a series of deadly incidents which reflected the bitter struggle for political supremacy waged by Israel and the PLO.

Then at the height of its influence, the PLO is believed to have masterminded the campaign of intimidation against Israel's presence on the West Bank. Like previous attempts at fomenting opposition to Israel's military rule, it failed. After a burst of terror, the tension more or less subsided.

The situation facing Israel today, ironically at a time when the PLO is weaker than ever, seems graver than in the past.

In the 18 years since Israel's takeover of the West Bank, a new, militant generation of Palestinians has arisen. By all appearances, they are a desperate lot, ready to sacrifice themselves in the battle against Israel's occupation.

According to Meron Benvenisti, an Israeli expert on the problem, the West Bank has entered what he calls "a new phase of locally generated resistance." Although the PLO may be playing a role in fanning it, the consensus among observers is that it is being spontaneously ignited by Arabs acting on their own.

But why now?

There are various theories.

The first is that the Palestinians, many of whom would opt for an independent West Bank-Gaza Strip state coexisting with Israel, have grown increasingly desperate as Israel has consolidated its control over the West Bank.

Israelis mourn after killing of a Jew on the West Bank.

Benvenisti, a former deputy mayor of Jerusalem, says in a study commissioned by the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation under the auspices of the American Enterprise Institute, that Israel has effectively seized 52% of the land on the West Bank and settled it with 42,500 Jewish settlers living in 114 settlements.

Given present growth rates, he predicts that there will be more than 100,000 Jewish settlers there by 1990. The number of Arabs on the West Bank at present is 800,000.

Nationalist Arabs, being aware of these figures, see no real chance for a political settlement under which Israel would relinquish the West Bank. Diplomatic efforts by the U.S. to start peace talks between Israel and a delegation consisting of Jordanian and Palestinian Arabs have floundered.

The mood of despair affecting West Bank Palestinians is also a function of the PLO's battered position in the wake of the war in Lebanon.

Although Israel's invasion was in few respects strategically successful, the Israelis did manage to cripple the PLO by destroying its military and political base in Lebanon. This factor, combined with the subsequent internecine conflict within the PLO, weakened the PLO considerably.

As a result of these events, the PLO is hardly in a position to effectively challenge the Israeli army on the West Bank. (Militarily, the PLO has never been able to confront Israel meaningfully). Under these circumstances, the vacuum is being filled by local Palestinians, some of whom share the objectives of the PLO.

In their bid to harass Israel, the Palestinians have no doubt been inspired by the example of the Shiite Moslems of Lebanon. It will be recalled that Israel accelerated its withdrawal from Lebanon earlier this year because its troops became the victims of increasingly sophisticated Shiite guerrilla warfare. It has occurred to the Palestinians that they, too, are capable of bleeding Israel.

"I think it is feasible for us to make it so costly for Israel to remain in the West Bank (and Gaza) that, at some point not in the distant future, with increasing civil resistance, strikes, demonstrations and economic boycotts and so forth, Israel will be under pressure from its own people to come to terms with the Palestinians," Ibrahim Abu-Lughod, a member of the Palestine National Council, said recently.

This analysis is certainly debatable. While it is true that Israeli public opinion will flinch at the prospect of a sustained degree of bloodshed and constant unrest, signs of which are already on the horizon, it is not necessarily true that the Israelis would pack up and run.

The West Bank, unlike Lebanon, is fraught with historical and religious significance for the majority of Israelis. And, in a military sense, possession of parts of it may be important to repell an Arab attack originating in the east.

However, as analysts have pointed out repeatedly, Israel's retention of the West Bank renders impossible a political solution of the key Palestinian question.

In any case, such a solution cannot be achieved at this particular juncture. The Arab world is divided, the PLO is locked in internal conflict, and Israel's shaky coalition government is torn by diametrically opposing views.

The Likud, led by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, wants settlements dispersed throughout the West Bank. The Labor Party, under the leadership of Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, seeks to restrict Jewish settlement to areas without a dense Arab population so as to leave open the possibility of territorial compromise.

Despite these basic differences, which were papered over by an agreement which called for the establishment of six new settlements in the first year of the coalition's life, Likud and Labor do concur on one vital issue: the importance of the West Bank to Israel's security.

Barring an extraordinary crisis, no Israeli government is likely to cede the West Bank in its entirety. And in the meantime, against the backdrop of continuing tension, Israel intends to keep in place emergency measures designed to contain the violence.

The measures, which were reintroduced in August after an hiatus of five years, include deportation of Arabs suspected of hostile actions, administrative detention for up to six months without a trial for anyone suspected of incitement and terrorist activities and the closing of any Arab newspaper violating military censorship.

Their reintroduction was not unexpected. In February of this year, shortly after the death of the Israeli reservist in El Bira, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned that the government would not hesitate to act harshly in combating terrorism.

Rabin threw down the gauntlet after still more Israelis were slain while going about their business on the West Bank.

In typical incidents, one Israeli was shot in the head while waiting for a bus near Ramallah, and another was gunned down as he was shopping in Nablus.

Since August, two more Israelis have been killed, and West Bank settlers claim that Israel's release in May of 1,150 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for three Israeli soldiers is the cause of it all.

Simplistic at best, this peculiar notion ignores the fact that violence has been endemic on the West Bank for years now.

In spite of Israel's emergency measures, which have been criticized by the U.S. state department as likely to "foster further tensions," the future does not look bright.

Israelis and Palestinians on the West Bank face each other in a grim, relentless war, punctuated by occasional ceasefires, that can only be defused by a political solution that seems far out of sight at this moment.

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But . . . ex-Montrealers will reminisce

Trick of living in Toronto is not to look back

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

I will go. I will see. I will eat bagels.

Real bagels, not the rubbery rolls that are simply shaped like bagels.

And I will eat steamies and smoked meat. Not pastrami. Not corned beef. Not any other excuse. It will be from Schwartz's too. I will try to forget Schwartz's is now called Delicatesse Hebraique.

I will endure Tommy Schnurmacher.

And I will reminisce. About bus drivers who read *Journal de Montreal*, about people who cross the street en masse against the red light, about skinny intellectuals lamenting the referendum defeat and about bank robberies at precisely 3 o'clock every Friday afternoon.

I will finally meet special invited guest Jean Drapeau.

I am looking forward to the 2nd annual reunion of former Montrealers at Roy Thomson Hall on Oct. 4 to remind me how much I miss Montreal and at the same time, how much I've grown to like (or at least admire) Toronto.

As an ex-Montrealer who also vowed never to make the 1-way journey down the clogged 401, I now come to acknowledge, in spite of myself, that Toronto is okay. It's a city one uses to its fullest, instead of pausing at St. Lawrence Blvd. and wondering whether there's life eastward.

Yes, Toronto lacks Montreal's charm; yes, its bar closing laws are as if to say Prohibition never ended and yes, any one area of the city resembles almost any other, but the key to breathing a bit easier here is the realization that we don't wake up every morning to yet another absurd language law or another anglophone institution crumbling or a report of another head office fleeing, natch, to here. Simply, we don't feel threatened here.

While it may seem that the roughly 80,000 former Montrealers now in Toronto live in the Rosebury Square apartment complex, (most frequently asked question in the elevators: "Are you here too?") the community of expatriates probably does have one thing in common: a deep, gnawing, perhaps ever-so-slight twinge of nostalgia whenever Montreal is mentioned. Those of us who miss it, do so because it's home. And once a year, we convene to cling to one another.

We know every shrub, every rock, every tree and fast-food outlet along the 401, which is probably the most boring stretch of Canadian highway east of Manitoba. But we endure the 5-hour ride (5½, if you linger at the McDonald's in Kingston) because we have family, friends, fond memories and skiing. And we don't pay sales tax on clothes or shoes in Quebec.

But as we have discovered, there is life after Montreal, even life after the Bishop-Crescent St. hop. Although Toronto doesn't really have a main downtown stretch to speak of (picture yourself casually strolling and window shopping along Yonge St. on a Saturday night— yuch) it does have several pockets of possibilities.

Sure, it's a city "in search of a personality"; a city still trying to shed its buttoned-down, Presbyterian image and a city that is the butt of many jokes (Aislin says that in Toronto the prevailing sentiment is "thank God it's Monday"). Or as Lawrence Martin of the Globe and Mail once put it, walk down a street in Montreal and your clothes will smell like Shalimar, while in Toronto, the fragrance will more likely be pizza.

We all grew up with the barbs about Montreal the Bad versus Toronto the Good. Toronto-bashing was a pretty good parlor game. We had a good time— they stayed home and watered the lawn. The archetypal Torontonian wore 3-piece suits and sensible shoes, took exactly 45 minutes for lunch and never, ever jay-walked. We vented our collective frustrations at flat, boring T'rana. The Maple Leafs and Argos (until they won the Grey Cup) were always good for a guffaw.

Even Bill 101 Minister Gerald Godin once snickered that living in Montreal, petty language laws and all, was better than living in Cleveland or Toronto.

In Montreal, people get together; in Toronto, they "network."

Irving Layton said Toronto is "a city without a soul."

The standard line was that while there are two solitudes in Montreal, in Toronto there are 2 million.

But the insecure ex-Montrealer can always take solace in a very interesting study conducted about two years ago by journalist Jean Blouin of L'Actualite Magazine. Blouin spent six months comparing virtually everything about the two cities. He contrasted absolutely every aspect of life in Montreal versus in Toronto: salaries, prices, movie theatres, libraries, media, swimming pools, bus and cab fares, museums, freeways, housing, rent, anything that could be boiled down to a hard fact.

Blouin assigned numerical values to it all and the final tally was Toronto 41, Montreal 28.

For example, homes and rent are cheaper in Montreal, while property taxes and insurance are cheaper here. Salaries average higher in Montreal, but sky-high Quebec taxes nullify that, making net pay greater here. Torontonians pay more for dairy products but less for meat and poultry.

Montreal leads in crime and in traffic accidents causing deaths (no surprise). Toronto has 10 major art museums to Montreal's three. There are 170 bookstores here, compared with 40 English book shops in Montreal. There are twice as many classical music concerts here. Montreal puts on more plays and has more feature films. Toronto has more public sporting facilities. Montreal has more than twice as many taxis. Toronto has more parks but Montreal has Mount Royal. Montreal has potholes. Toronto has the Blue Jays.

The bottom line, concluded Blouin, is that "the figures favor Toronto but people prefer Montreal."

Well, perhaps not everyone prefers Montreal, or else the largest mass migration from one Canadian city to another in history would not have taken place. According to several demographic studies, Quebec lost over 123,000 residents to Ontario between 1976 and 1981, with Montreal's share of Canada's population dropping and Toronto's increasing.

Almost a quarter-million have fled Quebec since 1969. The province has recorded a net population loss in every one of the last 15 years but one (1975), recently prompting an appeal by the Montreal Urban Community to the Quebec government to enact policies that would stem the exodus. That's not unlike asking the fox to guard the chicken coop.

In Montreal, retail sales increased by 58% between 1976 and 1981, while in Toronto they picked up by 70% in the same period.

Toronto's hustle, bustle, opportunities and lure of big bucks is unmistakable.

One of the more telling statistics is that between 1978 and 1982, 26% of Montreal-based companies quit the province. That's more than 100 companies and 14,000 jobs in a 4-year period. It's said the exodus is continuing at about 150 jobs a month.

In other words, the twin towers of Sun Life Insurance at the corner of University and King St. have become sort of a monument to Rene Levesque.

True, many thousands moved here from Quebec prior to 1976. The writing, as some like to say, was on the wall. The Parti Quebecois merely justified it all.

Whatever their motives, the influx of Montrealers here has benefited Toronto greatly. The city's boardrooms are full of them and we like to say Toronto has gained some panache because of us.

For one thing, Toronto has received the Nouveau Beaujolais a day ahead of Montreal two years in a row.

There are *frites* wagons all over the place with Quebec licence plates.

And ironically, francophone life in Toronto has improved generally, with more French schools and cultural events.

As far as the cities' Jewish communities are concerned, Toronto's gain has been Montreal's painful loss.

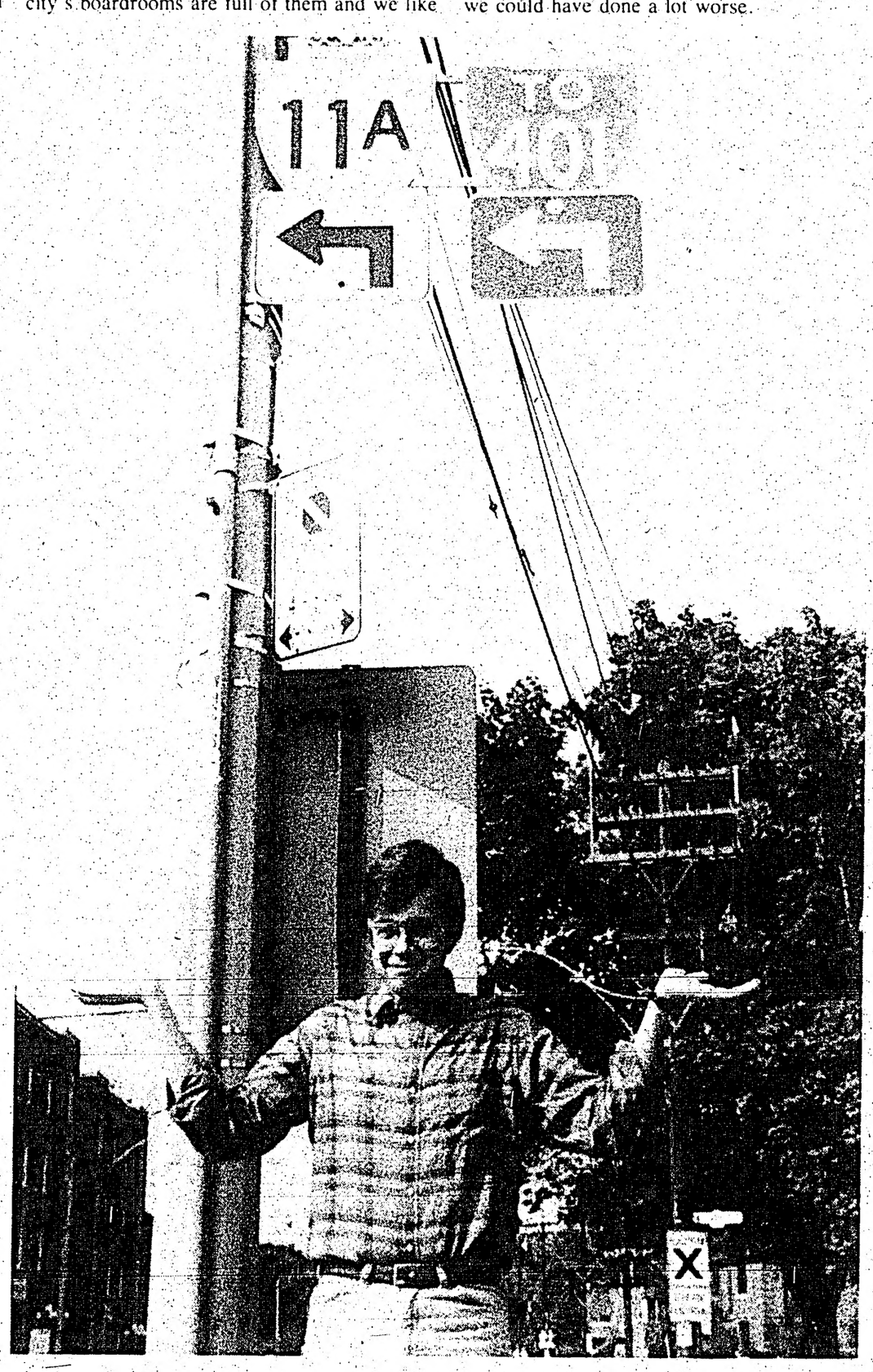
Montreal has lost over 10,000 Jews in the past nine years, many of these to Toronto and most under age 35. That has meant Montreal's Jewish population has sunk well below the symbolic watershed of 100,000 (the community is said to number 90,000 for all Quebec.) It's not only a shrinking community, but a rapidly aging one. Toronto's Jewish population, in the same time period, has ballooned to about 120,000.

The exodus has prompted Montreal's Allied Jewish Community Services to institute a Youth Retention Program, which tries to do as it implies: retain youth. It has met with only lukewarm success.

However, all this is not to stay that bricks are falling out of buildings in Montreal and that the city is deteriorating by the second. Montreal is now in the throes of experiencing a rebirth of sorts, with sudden spurts in construction and immigration (if you can call it that) from the West and even Ontario. To many, the Parti Quebecois, at least in its current form, is washed up for a while.

To others, Robert Bourassa evokes some pretty painful memories himself and even the PQ can and likely will make a comeback some day, with strengthened resolve to take Quebec out of Confederation.

The bottom line is that Toronto has become home for us. The trick is not to look back. As pseudo-refugees (The Car People, we're called), we could have done a lot worse.



Writer Ron Csillag ponders the journey down the 401 from Montreal. More than 80,000 former Montrealers now make Toronto their home. Many of the expatriates will gather Oct. 4 for their second annual reunion.

Overseas donors help keep Israel Museum doors open

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

Visitors to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem are apt to be taken aback when they find donor recognition plaques not only at the entrance and along the walls of its various galleries, but also in the washrooms.

They are there because New York stockbroker Alan (Ace) Greenberg feels that every aspect of the museum's activities is worthy of support, and that it requires air-conditioning telephone exchanges and, yes, washrooms no less than it requires hanging space and paintings. So to prove his point, he has endowed the museum toilets, naming them after his brother Maynard, himself and the man who created the museum, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

The museum, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, could not exist — any more than could other Israeli cultural, educational and scientific institutions — without the support of overseas donors. This is true when it comes to operating expenses; donations provide $4 million of the $6 million that the museum requires to keep doors open. And it is even more so where acquisition are concerned.

Indeed, museum officials told me, there is practically nothing on show — except for archeological finds dug out of Israel soil — that did not come to Jerusalem as gifts, which, in total, are worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

The very fact that the Museum has beautiful buildings and an excellent collection makes it easier for it to get more outstanding works of art.

Just how successful the museum has been in attracting new donors was evident at its recent "Promised Gifts" show, featuring 200 paintings that are presently owned by 115 collectors. This group of creations, which will go to the museum on the death of the people who now possess them, included two Rembrandts, a Joshua Reynolds, three Pissarros, two Matisses, three Chagalls, four Picassos, a Soutine and many other notable works.

Masterpieces donated to the museum will be seen by an extraordinary number of people considering how small the size of the country in which it is located. With a million visitors each year, it draws more people than, for example, the famous Tate Gallery in London.

Another local cultural institution of distinction, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, also draws record crowds, seldom holding a concert that is not sold out. Surprisingly, it boasts more regular subscribers (30,000) than does the New York Philharmonic Orchestra (25,000), which, like the IPO, has Zubin Mehta as its musical director.

Because the Israel Philharmonic has so many devoted fans, it manages to cover an extraordinary 70% of its costs from the sale of tickets. Another 14% of its expenses are paid by the government, but without the 16% it gets from the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and individual donors, it would have to curtail its activities or even close down.

What makes private gifts to local cultural and educational institutions even more important is the constant erosion in government support.

All, therefore, are frantically looking for new ways of raising money. It only remains to be seen whether other bodies, like the museum, will be "selling" their washrooms.

Opinion

Holocaust survivor dedicated to strengthening Israel

Torontonian builds IAF cadet training centre

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Manny Wrock, a retired real estate developer, has built many a house in and around Toronto, but the building he is most proud of stands in Israel's Negev Desert.

Wrock, through his own initiative, financed the construction of a $1 million, 12,000-square foot cadet training centre in Hatzerim, an Israeli Air Force base near Beersheba. To do so, he liquidated his savings, sold his palatial 4-car garage home in Richmond Hill, Ont., and drove himself relentlessly under a fierce Middle Eastern sun to complete the project in record time.

"I gave away all my earthly possessions," says Wrock, a 70-year-old Holocaust survivor who claims he is now living on his pensions. "To me, Israel is more important than anything else."

A wiry, intense, bantam rooster of a man with deep blue eyes, Wrock personally designed the centre, which is in the shape of a Hercules transport plane. A structural engineer by profession, as well as a pilot by training, he got the idea for the project after visiting the old training centre in Hatzerim.

"It was ugly, shabby and totally inadequate, not fit for cows," he explains.

A longtime contributor to such causes as Israel Bonds and the Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel, Wrock wanted to build a centre for cadets for the simplest of reasons: to strengthen the Jewish state.

"Israel is a small, besieged country and Israel must have the best air force in the world to defend itself against its enemies. The air force is Israel's heart and soul."

To illustrate his point, he laid several black-and-white photographs on the couch and spread them around. The bleak photographs, a catalogue of German gas chambers and bloodied bodies, immediately explained why Wrock is so obsessed with Israel's survival and wellbeing. "The horror of what I saw in the Holocaust made me wonder how I could prevent such evil. I promised myself that, if I survived the war, I would dedicate myself to the Zionist cause."

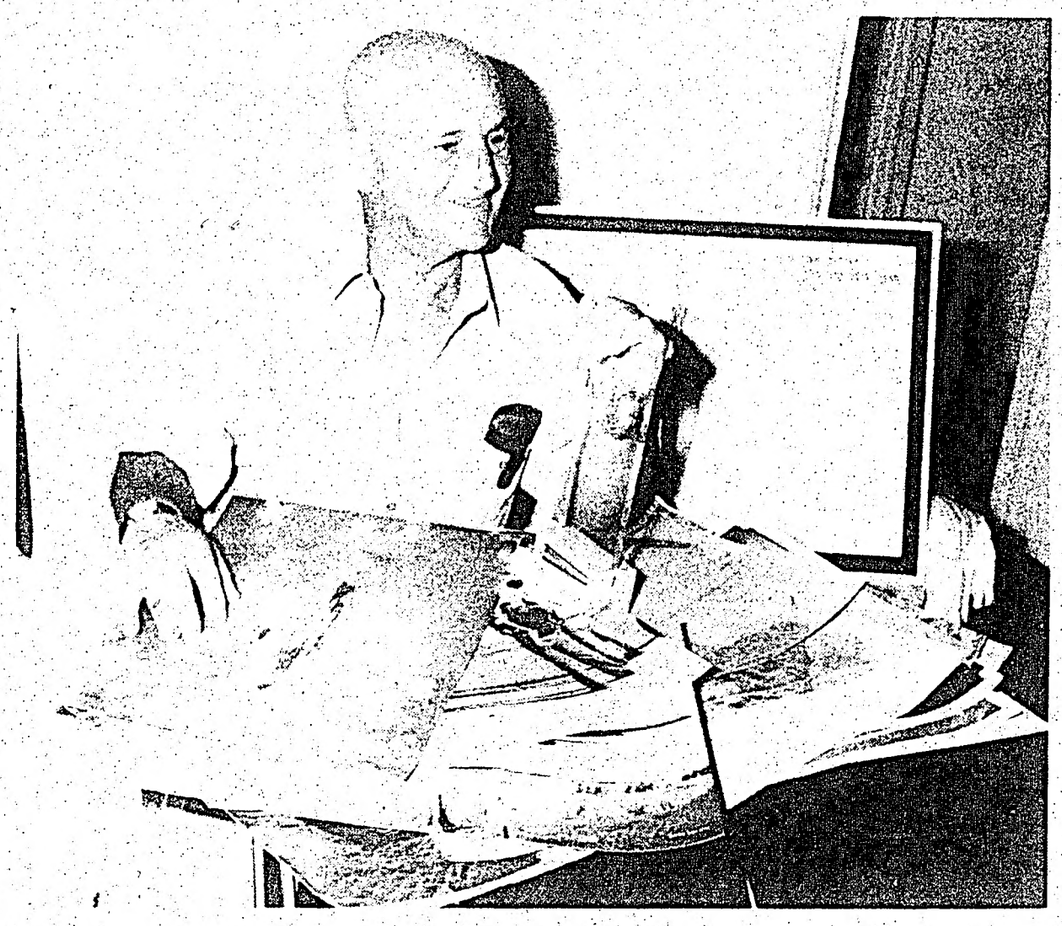
The scion of a rabbinical family, Wrock was born in the Polish town of Opatow, near Kielce. For Wrock, as it would be for about 3 million Polish Jews, the German invasion of Poland in September of 1939 was an unmitigated disaster. The Nazis murdered his mother, Malka, and his five brothers and one sister. (His father died years earlier). They also slew Wrock's 7-day-old son, smashing his skull open.

His oldest brother, Moshe, a rabbi, was beheaded on the eve of Yom Kippur, 1939. "I can still feel his warm blood on my face," says Wrock, who witnessed the atrocity.

All in all, Wrock lost 200 members of his family in the Holocaust. He spent those lost years in Gen. Anders' Polish exile army as a pilot and, after being caught by the Nazis, was sent to a concentration camp. The health of his wife, Esther, was permanently ruined by the war. She contracted rheumatic fever in one of the camps and still suffers from the effects. Sickly to this day, she has had four heart operations in recent years.

She and her husband immigrated to Canada in 1948, and by the following year Wrock had launched himself as a home builder in Toronto. Wrock says they did not go to Israel because of Esther's health, but he hints broadly that he played an active part in Israel's first war. Affecting a conspiratorial tone, Wrock says he cannot delve into the details.

In Canada, he prospered, and he and Esther had another son, Charles, now a lawyer.



Manny Wrock financed construction of training centre in Israel.

Wrock, who recalls collecting pennies for Keren Kayameth when he was a boy, shared his good fortune. Before his retirement, he used to donate half of his annual earnings to a variety of Israeli charities.

One day, after giving the matter much thought, Wrock decided to build a modern cadet training centre for the air force. Wrock approached senior officers he knew and they eventually gave their assent.

A hard-headed businessman, he had no illusions what the cost would be. Although the air force would supply wiring, air conditioners and transformers for the centre, Wrock would bear the brunt of financing it.

One of the first things he did to move the project foward was to sell his mansion, set on an expansive wooded lot overlooking a ravine. He and Esther moved next door, into their son's spacious house, and Wrock began to shuttle back and forth between Canada and Israel.

It wasn't enough for Wrock to put up the money. At his insistence, he supervised the actual construction, and this surprised Israeli officials even more.

For 4½ months, under a blazing desert sun, Wrock and his Israeli crew worked day and night to finish the centre as quickly as possible. Wrock had made a personal commitment to finish it within a few months, a schedule which astounded the military, and he meant to be true to it.

Wrock claims that it would have taken about two years to build had he not been on the scene supervising every detail, small and large.

Completed on May 29 of this year, it was officially inaugurated on July 18, just in time for Air Force Day.

Wrock, who feels spiritually reborn after having built the cadet centre, now wants to do something else for the air force. The air force's operations room in Hatzerim, he explains, is in poor condition, and he will try to raise $500,000 to build a new one. Wrock, who emphatically believes he is not special, is already thinking seriously of forming an ad hoc organization — the Canadian Friends of the Israeli Air Force — to facilitate his goal.

He feels very strongly about the passions which drive him. No diplomat, Wrock exclaims, "Any Jew who doesn't support Israel, especially now, isn't worth walking on this earth."

Theologically and actively pro-Zionist

Japanese Makuya sect shows devotion to Israel

By
RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS

When I was recently in Tokyo, the first conversation I had was in Hebrew. It was with Akiva Jindo, the head of the Makuya Bible Institute. I first met Jindo when he was studying in Jerusalem several years ago and the purpose of the call was to arrange a meeting with the Makuya group.

Makuya is a Japanese-Christian sect that is theologically and actively pro-Zionist. They now have 50,000 members throughout Japan, but mostly in Tokyo. Makuya is a Japanese word and is a translation of the Hebrew Phrase ohel moeid and means "tabernacle."

The founder of the sect was Prof. Abraham Ikuro Teshima. In 1948 he had a religious experience at Mt. Aso and his philosophy began to evolve: It is simply that history is directed by God as shown mostly in the Torah and somewhat in the New Testament. According to Teshima its purpose is to restore Israel to its land.

In 1967, when Jerusalem was reunited, he took this as a divine sign that God's word was being confirmed. To quote him directly: "When the news of the liberation of the whole of Jerusalem reached us, our hearts leaped for joy, our blood stirred within us."

Teshima's words were backed by action. He established a relationship with Kibbutz Hefzi Bah and hundreds of members of Makuya have lived there to learn Hebrew in its Ulpan. When the Lod massacre occurred the Makuya donated an ambulance to Mogen David Adam.

In November, 1975, when the United Nations General Assembly passed its infamous "Zionism is Racism," resolution 3,000 Makuya marched in downtown Tokyo proclaiming that Japan had dishonored itself with its affirmative vote.

Then they collected a petition of protest with 37,000 signatures and presented it to the UN secretary-general. During the lifetime of Teshima and after his death, the Makuya have sponsored countless group visits to Israel sometimes numbering 400 people.

But, when I visited one of their assemblies in Tokyo with my wife, we were hardly prepared for the experience. As we entered the room it was overflowing with people. They were all sitting with their legs folded under them in the Oriental squat position, barefoot, having left their shoes in the hallway.

In a side room, a teacher was instructing teenagers in a lesson based on Isaiah's verse: "Nation shall not lift sword against nation." The rapt attention seen in the teenagers' faces would be the envy of any teacher in a North American classroom. In yet another room the activities in the main assembly hall were shown on closed circuit TV for the benefit of mothers with infants.

We returned to the prayer meeting and were formally escorted to the front platform. As we walked down the aisle, hundreds of Japanese were singing with wild enthusiasm Heveinu Shalom Aleichem. Imagine being in downtown Tokyo and hearing a group of Japanese singing as loud as they could in Hebrew.

Came from all walks of life

When we sat down, I saw large Japanese signs. Jindo told me one sign contains the words of God's promise to Abraham as recorded in the Book of Genesis: "I will give this land to you and your offspring forever." On the other side of the room there was a quotation from Abraham Joshua Heschel, "Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy."

They asked me to speak. First I spoke in Hebrew with no translation. I was amazed at the number of people who understood me. Then I spoke in English with a Japanese translator. Afterwards my wife offered greetings. When we concluded, the Makuya sang in perfect Hebrew with wild clapping: "May God bless you from Zion and may you see the good of Jerusalem." We were deeply touched.

We were then introduced to individuals that we selected at random. They came from all walks of life. One was an astrophysicist, another a professor of music, still another owned a chain of restaurants, and there were many students. It is a representative movement.

When my wife spoke, she told them that we owned an apartment in Jerusalem that we go to every summer. As we were leaving, the children looked at her in awe and felt the need to shake hands and touch her. Imagine, the good fortune of owning a home in Jerusalem!

— WSN-Seven Arts

Members of the Japanese Makuya sect are seen in a pro-Israel solidarity march in Jerusalem. [IPPA photo]

Opinion

Time to talk tachlis

UJA gift is badge of belonging to Jewish society

By
J. B. SALSBERG

The High Holy Days are over and it's time to talk tachlis (to the point, or, brass tacks, or calling a spade a spade), and to arouse the ire of some and, hopefully, also the approbation of others.

J.B. Salsberg

The caption over this column (if the editorial staff doesn't change it, reads: "UJA gift is badge of belonging to Jewish society."

The sight of such a heading will cause the blood and anger of some to rise to the danger point. "What," they will scream indignantly, "if I don't contribute to the UJA I'm not part of my people?" Others will argue that if they give only to other Jewish causes do they thereby become second-class Jews?

To such and similar protesters I hasten to say that I do not presume to pass judgments. But, if they will re-read the caption they will realize that what I do suggest and what I am ready to defend is that those whose contributions are restricted only to one or another of their pet causes but abstain from giving to the central, local and worldwide Jewish funds then they are not part of the totality of Jewish society.

One may give to one or another cause but only the United Jewish Appeal in Toronto and the Combined Jewish Appeal in Montreal (and their equivalents in other cities), which are now in the midst of their annual campaigns — only they raise the funds necessary for all major Jewish needs everywhere in the world.

No one suggests that one's special communal interest should be denied assistance. Most Jews have their special interest "charities," as they should have. But only the central funds provide the needs of all of Jewish society: Israel, as well, as oppressed, persecuted or impoverished Jewish communities around the world; all major local educational, social and welfare agencies.

Our financial offerings to the central fund raising institutions (UJA or CJA etc.) transforms us from being a Jew with only a special or limited concern to becoming a Jew who is concerned with **all** issues and problems of the Jewish nationality, the Jewish peoplehood — its present and future — anywhere and everywhere in the world.

Too strong? Too parochial? Too "nationalist"? Sorry to those who think so, but I neither retreat nor apologize.

Let's face it — our Jewish identification in the Diasporic world is a voluntary one. Outside of Israel each individual Jew makes his own decision as to whether he is a member of worldwide Jewish society.

The leaderships of the dispersed Jewish communities have no power to impose taxes for the maintenance of religious, educational, cultural and social institutions, or to come to the assistance of needy communities. The means for the fulfilment of all such voluntarily assumed financial, political and other obligations are provided voluntarily by each and every individual Jew who considers himself a member, a part of Jewish society. (I use the term "Jewish society" because it is greater than all its parts.)

It is from this approach to the question of Jewish belonging that I arrive at the conclusion that only those among us who give, each according to his ability, to the central Jewish funds can justifiably say that he or she belong to world Jewry. . . to Jewish society in all its variations.

If I had the authority I would insist that everyone who seeks or has assumed office in our internal organizational structure should feel the need and the obligation to proudly display his badge of belonging to Jewish society a receipt or some special insignia that he has contributed to the current campaign. (How about a yearly button saying: I belong, I give to UJA?)

Is this an extreme view? Not if I make it abundantly clear that I am guided by the principle of "each according to his or her ability to give." And that means that a member of our community, man or woman, young or old, who contributes only $10, because that is all that he or she can afford to give, merits and should be given the same rights and privileges as the person who gives $10,000 or a million dollars.

In my view, he who can but does not give according to his ability, deprives himself of the moral right to make financial demands on the community for his special interest project or to become wrathful when the local or national fund-distributing agencies fail to provide adequate funding for this or that special activity.

Furthermore, this voluntary financial offering should not be given grudgingly but offered joyously. To achieve such a stage of giving we must begin with our children. They should be trained to give (of their own spending money) as a sign of care and belonging.

There is more, much more that can and should be said about this matter. It is more than a question of money; it is a matter of voluntary association with Jewry, with Jewish society at large. It is a matter of identity . . . of belonging.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signatures.

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CALLS KAHANE "PURE RACIST"

Re your Sept. 19 letter from I. Josy headed "Kahane bashing 'objectionable' ":

I don't understand how someone can say that Rabbi Meir Kahane professes no hatred and vilifies no one. But this is exactly what Josy states, when arguing against the equation of Kahane and Louis Farrakhan, the anti-Israel leader of the Black group known as the Nation of Islam.

All one has to do is attend one Kach rally to be convinced that Kahane is a pure racist. There is no veil over his open venom directed against the Arabs of Israel. He hates them with unbridled passion.

To me, there is no difference between Kahane's virulent anti-Arab position and Farrakhan's anti-semitic stance. Both warrant our disdain.

Jon Bayer
Toronto

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REICHMANNS Vs. ROTHSCHILDS

I have never met any members of the Reichmann family, nor do I expect to have any commercial dealings with them. (*They* need me?)

It might, therefore, be a bit presumptuous of me to comment thusly on J. B. Salsberg's Aug. 22 column headed "Shy Reichmanns have lost treasured privacy."

But, based on everything I've ever read about the Reichmanns, and the great respect I have for them, I feel I can safely make the assumption they will be most pleased indeed to "take on the Rothschild role" (if they have not already). I also feel their treasured privacy, which they are certainly entitled to, will never interfere with their philanthropic activities.

Michael Samuelson
Montreal

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BRITAIN'S UNFINEST HOUR

On Sept. 16, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, there appeared a brief inconspicuous news item on page 3 of the Toronto Star.

The caption read: "Saudis to buy 78 military jets from Britain for $5.3 billion."

A transaction of that magnitude will undoubtedly prove an economic blessing to Britain; it will provide thousands of sorely needed jobs. No wonder the British are jubilant.

Self-defence is one of the basic axioms of life. A country is fully justified to purchase defensive military hardware when threatened by an enemy.

Why, then, should there be any serious objection to the Saudis' wish to protect themselves?

The truth of the matter is that these ostensibly peace-loving Arabs have been bankrolling worldwide insurrections and heinous terrorist activities, and this new proposed purchase of 48 Tornado fighters and 30 Hawk jet trainers cannot be camouflaged as purely defensive.

This formidable buildup is targeted for the destruction of its arch-enemy, the State of Israel.

Many Christian theologians have expressed guilt for turning a blind eye to the Holocaust. Instead of chanting "Mea culpas," let them shout from their pulpits, "Never Again!"

Let them appeal to the Archbishops of Canterbury, to the Pope, and all other Christian leaders in Britain and throughout the so-called civilized world.

Let there be shouts of protest against this immoral act, rather than the deafening silence which normally prevails. This deal must be aborted at all costs.

If their conscience can be pricked, then in the immortal words of Churchill, it can become Britain's finest hour.

And, of course, world Jewry must not again be caught sleeping at the switch.

Alex Bellan
Toronto

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French Prime Minister Laurent Fabius...the sexiest man in France?

WANTED: PM & PRINCESS

As a devoted U.S. fan of your priceless newspaper, I would like to make two family requests.

First, my wife's curiosity was aroused by Ron Csillag's Sept. 5 travel article from Paris. He wrote that the French Prime Minister Laurent Fabius has a Jewish wife, is raising his sons as Jews, and was recently polled as "the sexiest man in France."

My wife was disappointed because she looked in vain for his photo. Why do you deny Jewish women a peek at his looks?

Please print one. After all, my wife is entitled to a thrill once in a while.

Secondly, we hope you can help us find a nice Jewish princess for our son, David Elliott Schlafman. He is an eligible bachelor of 35, tall, good-looking, brilliant but bashful.

He is a former officer in the U.S. Air Force, who flies tourist groups to the Grand Canyon and can be reached at PO Box 233, Florence, Arizona, 85232.

He owns a beautiful home in Sedona, Arizona, where Jane Russell, Irma Bombeck, Orson Welles, and other celebrities live.

And, thank heavens, unlike many youths, he is straight as an arrow. No cigarettes, no pot, no artificial stimulants, no false nothing.

He loves fast cars, fast airplanes, and nice Jewish ladies.

Sam Leon Schlafman
Haverhill, Mass.

Editor's note: Always delighted to oblige our fans, we herewith publish a photo of Prime Minister Laurent Fabius and hope that your bachelor son finds the Jewish princess of his dreams.

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A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Reading your article of Sept. 12, headed "Efforts to find Jewish foster homes disappointing," leaves me sad and filled with pain.

I do not wish to see our Jewish children placed into non-Jewish homes. This would be an oversight on our part and definitely not an ultimate solution to the problem.

I would suggest that there should be an established home, that would serve the immediate need for these children's placement. Such a home must be open to all, and to all ages.

Once this immediate care for the child is fulfilled, anyone who wishes to take in a foster child could do so. But since there are not many Aspler families as described in the article, surely a home would give immediate comfort to these needy souls.

In addition, we Jews are known to be volunteer workers. Many of us would render our services, to help out once or twice a week at certain hours.

With the aid that the government contributes to each child, Allied Jewish Community Services' contributions and that of philanthropists, our own volunteer work, this could become a reality.

This is our duty and responsibility as Jews.

Could we perhaps use this as our New Year's resolution?

Ilana Izso
Montreal

"CAST US NOT OFF"

Thank you for the Sept. 12 article about the Narayever Synagogue, where the "Absence of 'mechitza' makes Orthodox congregation unique."

That's the historic shul, which as young members moved in and instituted timely changes, the "older members . . . drifted away."

I wonder whether these so-called Orthodox usurpers can read with a clear conscience from the timeless Yom Kippur liturgy, "O, cast us not off in the time of old age/Forsake us not when our strength faileth."

Mark Mietkiewicz
Toronto

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FIGHTING OFF LONELINESS

I'd like to draw your readers' attention to a $4.50 book written by Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka of Ottawa's Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, edited by Dr. Benjamin Schlesinger of Toronto, and published by the Guidance Centre of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Education.

It's part of our Social Problem in Canada series and deals with the physical, social, and psychological manifestations of loneliness, the epidemic of the 20th century.

Rabbi Bulka provides valuable insight into the causes and consequences of loneliness, and offers constructive ways to cope with this debilitating human condition.

He highlights two fascinating paradoxes involved in the confrontation with loneliness. The first is that in cultivating solitude, a person is able to counter loneliness. The second is that loneliness is related to fears of solitude and to an excessive concern with oneself.

Rabbi Bulka's penetrating and thoughtful analysis is particularly relevant considering recent studies indicate that the incidence of loneliness among North Americans is on the rise.

Susan Freeman
Toronto

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JUDY, TAKE A BOW

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on Cynthia Gasner's Sept. 5 article pertaining to my activity in the syndication of investment real estate, as president of Metro/Sussman International Inc.

As one who over the years has generally carried on quietly without any public focus, I must admit the response to your article has been overwhelming and most flattering.

Obviously a great many people read your publication . . . even more than I realized.

My only regret is that, while my children were mentioned in the article, my wife, Judy, was unfortunately excluded.

Judy has been active in community affairs for some years, with particular emphasis on Mt. Sinai Hospital, having served as president of the auxiliary. She has always been most supportive in my endeavors.

Henry B. Sussman
Toronto

World-National

Urges direct negotiations in UN speech

Shultz voices optimism on Mideast peacemaking

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negotiations with the U.S.

Richard Murphy, the American assistant secretary of state responsible for Middle Eastern affairs, explored that diplomatic option in a recent trip to the region. But, conspicuously, he did not confer with a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation.

Murphy explained he was not convinced that such an advance meeting would lead to *direct* Arab-Israeli negotiations.

Mubarak, who strongly supports the Hussein-Arafat initiative and who has repeatedly advocated the creation of a West Bank-Gaza Strip Palestinian state, arrived in Washington with Murphy's abortive mission in the background.

In spite of Murphy's failure, Mubarak stuck to his views. He told Reagan that it was incumbent on the U.S. to speak first of all to Jordan and the Palestinians. And he contended that the PLO, which neither Israel nor the U.S. officially recognize, had in fact extended "implicit" recognition to UN resolutions 242 and 338. Mubarak, who has held occasional meetings with Arafat since his 1983 ouster from Lebanon, said the PLO would make this recognition "explicit" once the U.S.-Arab "dialogue" got underway in earnest.

Although Reagan listened to Mubarak politely, a senior White House official briefing reporters announced that there had been no change in the U.S.' and Egypt's respective positions.

Reagan apparently was unable to promise Mubarak that the U.S. would risk a clash with Israel by agreeing to a preliminary Arab-American "dialogue." Israel fears that such a meeting would amount to U.S. recognition of the PLO.

The President, too, reiterated the U.S. position, enunciated by Henry Kissinger in 1975, that no American government would recognize the PLO unless it publicly accepted the twin UN resolutions in question, renounced terrorism and unequivocably accepted Israel's existence.

And Reagan, no doubt, repeated his opposition to a Mideast peace conference under the aegis of the permanent members of the UN Security Council.

In his talks with Reagan this week, King Hussein, who has coordinated his strategy with Mubarak, will undoubtedly make a similar pitch.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who is due in Washington later this month, has faith in the Jordanian monarch's sincerity. However, he differs with his approach.

Last week, Peres, in an interview, said he was ready for direct negotiations with Jordan but not with the PLO. Peres' comments were published after King Hussein, in a UN address, reiterated his position that Jordan is prepared to talk to Israel "promptly and directly," but within the framework of a UN-organized international conference.

In a less recent interview with The Washington Post, Peres noted that Hussein and Arafat had "suggested a plan which may be innovative in their eyes but which is leading us on a very long road and God knows where it will go."

Peres, calling for a stop to their "maneuvers," said he favored direct peace talks with Jordan, without any intermediaries.

Meanwhile, observers believe that Hussein will come under increasing pressure by the U.S. to publicly spell out a scenario for direct talks with Israel.

But no one is suggesting that Israeli views on all aspects of the peace probe will necessarily prevail over the long haul.

Last week, Harold Saunders, Jimmy Carter's top Middle Eastern official, said Israel had to make the next move. Saunders commented that "the mainstream" within the PLO was now "ready to make peace with Israel if Israel is ready to make peace with them."

His analysis may not at present be acceptable to the Reagan administration, but it may not have fallen completely on deaf ears. Harold Saunders is not exactly a nobody in Washington.

Nidhe Israel in Bridgetown, Barbados

Restoration of synagogue planned

MONTREAL —

An international project is under way to restore the old synagogue and Jewish cemetery in Bridgetown, Barbados. Congregation Nidhe Israel (the Scattered of Israel) was built in 1654, making it one of the two oldest synagogues in the Western hemisphere. It is similar in age to the synagogue on another Caribbean island, Curacao, which has become a landmark.

The restoration project is being coordinated by Paul Altman, who attended the recent Commonwealth Jewish Council conference held here and in Ottawa.

Altman was successful in obtaining support for the project from the Barbados government which, in 1983, had plans to build a new Supreme Court building on the site of the synagogue.

The old synagogue is located about 200 yards from Broad St., the main shopping street in the centre of Bridgetown. It was built by Jews who fled Recife, Brazil, for Barbados soon after the first British settlement there in 1627.

The prime organizer of the congregation was a Recife Jew, Lewis Dias, alias Joseph Jesurum Mendes, and the earliest reference to the synagogue is found in a land deed for Jewish property dated September, 1661. Vestry minutes of that period also make reference to the old synagogue.

Legal public worship by Jews was a fact in Barbados in 1654, three years ahead of England.

A hurricane in 1831 destroyed most of the original synagogue, and, on March 29, 1833, the present rebuilt synagogue was dedicated. A jeweler named Hart-Lyon led a group of 90 other Jews in raising the funds for the rebuilding.

A fall in sugar prices led to emigration of most of the Jewish community of Barbados, and by 1900 only 17 Jews remained. The synagogue was sold in 1929, when only one Jew remained.

It was converted into offices and used for commercial purposes until two years ago when the government acquired it with the intention of demolishing it and erecting a new court house.

The Jewish community, with the support of the Barbados National Trust and Caribbean Conservation Association, was able to persuade the government to accept plans for a restoration project. The late Barbados Prime Minister, Tom Adams, in fact, took a personal interest in the scheme. The honorary patron of the restoration project is Barbados Governor-General Sir Hugh Springer.

Altman is the grandson of the founder of the present congregation, Moses Altman, who arrived in Barbados in 1932. At first, services were held in the elder Altman's home, but with the growth of the community to 30 families, a property was purchased and adapted to a place of worship. The community continued to maintain and use the cemetery surrounding the old synagogue.

Many of the artifacts from the old synagogue were sold to visitors in the 3-year lapse before the new congregation was founded and have been discovered in private homes and museums. The original eight chandeliers, wall brackets and several other items have been traced to the Dupont Winterthur Museum in Delaware, for example.

The acquisition of the synagogue was not contemplated before 1980. It appears that problems encountered in tidying up the cemetery years ago discouraged any further plans. Many old tombstones, dating back to 1660, were moved from their original positions in that effort.

A local committee in Barbados is working on the synagogue project. The main overseas organizations offering assistance thus far are the Commonwealth Jewish Trust, administered by the Commonwealth Jewish Council, and the American Jewish Congress. Many non-Jewish Barbadians and visitors to the popular holiday spot have also made contributions, said Altman.

The restored synagogue, he said, will represent an important link in Jewish history as "a reminder of the route the original Jewish settlers took to North America." From a practical point of view, it will provide a place of worship for Barbadian Jews and Jewish visitors, among whom are many Canadians.

Barbadian Jews can claim a significant role in Jewish history, noted Altman. Two Barbadian Jews established the beginnings of a Jewish community in Rhode Island in 1677 and another Barbadian Jew was responsible in 1682 for purchasing the plot of land that is today the oldest surviving Jewish cemetery in North America, at Chatham Square, NY.

The project committee can be reached through the following address: Restoration Old Synagogue and Cemetery, P.O. Box 256, Bridgetown, Barbados (telephone 809-432-0840).

Shamir and Hungarian hold historic meeting

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) —

Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his Hungarian counterpart had an historic meeting here last week.

It was described as the first meeting ever between an Israeli and Hungarian foreign minister.

Shamir's aide said the half-hour meeting was held in a "friendly atmosphere." He said the Hungarian minister said his country was willing to expand commercial, cultural and sports contacts with Israel and expressed a willingness for the two countries to exchange visitors in unofficial capacity.

The Hungarian minister emphasized, however, that his country is part of the Eastern bloc. He made that point two or three times, Shamir's aide said. The aide noted that "the importance of the meeting was in the fact it took place."

Shamir also met with Belgium's foreign minister, Leo Tindemans, Foreign Minister Joe Clark of Canada and the foreign minister of Finland, Paavo Vayrynen. He discussed bilateral questions with all three, his aide said.

Elie Wiesel gets touted for Nobel peace prize

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

Nominated by 70 members of the West German parliament, Elie Wiesel is reported as a possible choice of the five members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee named by Norway's parliament to select the recipient of the Nobel peace prize.

In a despatch from Oslo that noted 60 individuals have been nominated, The Wall Street Journal asked rhetorically "so who is going to win this year? Because it is largely a political decision, Nobel-watchers here can make educated guesses, based on what's in the news. Ordinarily, they say, the prize might be expected to go to an anti-apartheid candidate from South Africa (and several have been nominated).

Noting that South African religious leader Bishop Desmond Tutu won last year, the newspaper said the winner might be an individual or organization active in African famine relief.

"But Mr. (Bob) Geldof (the rock star who organized the Live Aid concerts for African famine relief), the favorite, isn't qualified this year. . . .

"Given these circumstances," The Journal said, "some Norweigians are betting on Elie Wiesel, the survivor of a Nazi concentration camp, author, humanitarian and the man who reduced many to tears in a White House ceremony when he told President Reagan he was wrong to visit a German military cemetery where stormtroopers were buried."

Weinberg named CIC research head

TORONTO —

David Weinberg of Toronto has been appointed director of research for the Canada-Israel Committee, the CIC said in a statement.

Weinberg will be responsible for the committee's Middle East information centre at its Toronto office and for development of the organization's wide variety of written materials on the Arab-Israel conflict and Canadian Middle East policy.

A graduate of the University of Toronto in International Relations and History, and of several institutions in Israel, he has been active in academic and community affairs.

Weinberg has served as chairman of the Political Action Committee of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Toronto, and has been associated with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C.

His work on the Camp David peace process received an award from the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER
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Thursday, Oct. 3

POSITIVE DIRECTIONS
Positive Directions is meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 6th floor, 4600 Bathurst St. There will be a speaker with a discussion following on the topic, A Jewish View of the Pornography Issue.

Positive Directions, an organization for women who have been assaulted, operates in cooperation with Jewish Family & Child Service. For information, call **Rayna Knobler** at 638-7800, days, or **Marilyn Horwich** at 633-7601 evenings. All inquiries about the organization will be confidential.

HILLEL - U OF T
For student in graduate studies including law, meds and dents, there is an opening lunch from noon to 1 p.m. at Hillel House, 605 Spadina Ave., to meet and exchange ideas for upcoming graduate Hillel programs.

The charge is $2 with JSU card, $3 without. Call JSU for more information at 923-9861.

SUCCOTH SHALOM PROGRAM
The Toronto Shalom Disarmament Group is a group of religious and secular Jews committed to mobilizing the Jewish community behind bilateral nuclear disarmament.

It is organizing a Succoth Shalom program on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 12.30-1.30 p.m. at Nathan Philips Square (City Hall). The theme of Succoth contrasts the transitory nature of the succah in harmony with nature to the illusory permanent bomb shelter.

For more information, call **Ben** at 782-7968 or **Freda** at 531-2905.

WOMEN AND TODAY'S SOCIETY
Women and Today's Society is the theme of the Women's Canadian Club meeting slated for Thursday, Oct. 3, at 2.30 p.m. at the Royal York Hotel ballroom. The guest speaker will be **Mary Brown**, director, theatres branch, ministry of consumer and commercial relations and chairman of the Ontario Film Review Board.

Sunday, Oct. 6

'85 JUBILEE
The Workmen's Circle '85 Jubilee on Sunday, Oct. 6, features **Ginetta La Bianca** and the husband and wife team of **Sender Wajsman** and **Mindelle Gurner-Wajsman** in concert, accompanied by **Leo Barkin**.

Concert time is 2.30 p.m. at Lawrence Park Collegiate (Lawrence and Avenue Rd.). Tickets are $5 and are available at the Workmen's Circle Centre, 471-3 Lawrence Ave. W. or call 787-2081 or 691-9588 or 921-6706.

ORT & HIGH TECHNOLOGY
On Sunday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon, a mechanical robot will accompany **Dorothy Shoichet**, head of World ORT delegation at Nairobi and past national president of Women's Canadian ORT, when she speaks on ORT and High Technology.

It all takes place in the library of the Pierre Laporte Separate School, under the auspices of Solel Congregation's Sunday morning adult education program in Mississauga.

For more information, contact **Marcy Gilbert** at Women's Canadian ORT at 787-0339.

LUNCHEON AND FASHIONS
The Leah Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO fall luncheon and fashion show is set for Sunday, Oct. 6, beginning at noon, at the Constellation Hotel, 900 Dixon Rd., Mississauga.

Admission is $25 per person. To reserve, call 781-1834.

Monday, Oct. 7

KING DAVID CONGREGATION
King David Congregation invites the community to join in Shemini Atzeret and yiskor services on Monday, Oct. 7, at 9.30 a.m. and for Simchat Torah eve at 7 p.m. Services are conducted by **Rabbi Meir Gottesman**. Children are welcome.

Congregation meets at Forest Hill Collegiate Institute auditorium, 730 Eglinton Ave. W.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

TEEN TRIALS, TEEN TRIUMPHS!
In honor of International Year of Youth, a look at how kids cope with the complexities of developing from child to adult will be presented in the public forum Teen Trials, Teen Triumphs! on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m. at CentreStage Forum, St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E.

Guest speaker will be **Dr. Saul Levine**, head of the department of psychiatry at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, and co-author of Youth Clinic column in The Toronto Star. There will be a panel of four teenagers and moderator will be **Shirley Wheatley**, a nurse practitioner at the Teen Clinic, Hospital for Sick Children, which is co-sponsoring the forum.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
In Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of senile dementia, aluminum is known to be a factor. Current information on the subject will be presented by **Dr. Arthur Dalton**, one of a Toronto scientific team recently returned from the island of Guam, where both aluminum and dementia are significantly prevalant.

This informative, free, public forum of the Toronto Alzheimer Society takes place Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 7.30 p.m. at Mount Sinai Hospital auditorium.

For further information, call the society office at 755-3993 or 626-1340.

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And What Else Is New ...

JF & CS GROUP PROGRAMS
Jewish Family & Child Service is initiating several group programs this fall —

Handling Unemployment, for men and women who have been recently unemployed, will explore new ways of dealing with stress, anger, depression and financial concerns of being unemployed. It will run for eight half-day sessions, Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30 a.m. to noon, beginning Monday, Oct. 28. There is no fee. For further information, contact **Maureen Feder** at JF & CS at 638-7800, ext. 290.

Parenting — 4-11-Year-Old People offers an opportunity to gain new insight into coping with 4-11-year-olds. The six sessions begin Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 8-9.30 p.m. Fee is $30 per person or $45 per couple for the six weeks.

You and Your Aging Parents is a forum for adult children who want to discuss common concerns and feelings related to their parents' aging and changing. This is a 6-session series beginning Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 8-9.30 p.m. and continuing through to Dec. 4. Facilitator will be Family Life educator **Sheila Freeman**. Fee is $30 per person and $45 per couple.

Parenting Adolescents is a program for parents of teenagers who want to enhance the relationships between themselves and their children. It will run for six sessions beginning Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 8-9.30 p.m. Fee is $30 per person. Scholarships are available.

All sessions take place at 4600 Bathurst St. For information and registration for all programs, call JF & CS at 638-7800, ext. 290.

TORONTO POMEGRANATE GUILD
The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles of Toronto is a group of men and women who are interested in research, collection, documentation and sharing of information and skills on Judaic textiles.

The Tuesday, Oct. 15, meeting features a tour to the Precious Legacy exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum. The time is 7-8 p.m. and the cost is $5.

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, the meeting will focus on the group's succah project. Members are researching and creating items to beautify next year's succah. Guest speaker **Temma Gentles** will demonstrate designing with a photocopier.

Guild membership is $25 annually. It includes quarterly issues of the American guild's publication, The Paper Pomegranate. Non-members are welcome for a nominal fee of $2. Coffee is served.

All meetings (unless otherwise specified) are held in the Youth Lounge of Holy Blossom Temple. For additional information, call **Faigy Grossman** (membership) at 656-5680 or the president **Laurie King** at 686-0140.

TELEM HEBREW CLASSES
Telem, the Movement for Zionist Fulfillment for students and young adults, is offering Hebrew classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels.

For information about the classes and the group's other activities related to Zionism and aliya, call **Sharon Herman** at 493-1920, evenings only.

STUDENT RETREAT
Jewish Student Federation and Network Canada are hosting a fall conference Oct. 11-13 at Niagara Falls, Ont. All Jewish students and young adults are welcome. There will be speakers, entertainment and fun.

For more information, call 667-3647 or 928-9160.

BOUTIQUE DEALERS TAKE NOTE
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood is holding its annual Fall Fashion Flare and Boutique Show on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the synagogue, 100 Elder St.

There are still some spaces available for dealers in the boutique area. Call the synagogue office at 633-3838 for information.

DORIS' MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW
During October Doris' Musical Variety Show of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living will be performing at Extendicare Home, 1925 Steeles Ave. E., on Thursday, the 17th, at 2 p.m. and at Willow Estates, Aurora, on Thursday, the 24th, at 2 p.m.

This popular group of senior entertainers, under the direction of **Doris Fleishman** accompanied by **Elaine Duff** at the piano, recently received a New Horizons grant enabling it to accept performance dates outside of Toronto.

For information about the group, call 248-4764 or 222-7422 or 633-2527.

WINNER

Joan McKinney (right) was the happy winner of the $500 raffle held at Emunah Women of Toronto's annual bazaar recently. Presenting the check is Rochelle Balaban, co-president of Emunah Women of Toronto.

HAMILTON POMEGRANATE GUILD
The organizational meeting for the Hamilton chapter of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles will be held Wednesday, Oct. 16.

For more information, contact **Elaine Genesove** at 529-2681 in Hamilton.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SKILLS?
Do you have special education teaching skills? Are you willing to volunteer a couple of hours weekly to tutor adolescents? Then, Jewish Family & Child Service needs you!

Contact **Shirley Worth** at JF & CS at 638-7800, ext. 254.

YIDDISH-ENGLISH COMEDY
A Yiddish-English production of **Neil Simon's** Come Blow Your Horn goes on stage at the Limelight Dinner Theatre, 2026 Yonge St., on Sundays, Oct. 13, 20 and 27.

Directed and produced by **Reva Lawry** and **Peter Manierka**, the performance is done just as you would do when you have Yiddish-speaking parents — the parents speak Yiddish to each other and to their sons, the sons speak Yiddish to their parents and English to each other and everyone speaks English to the sons' girlfriends.

The matinees are at 3 p.m., dinner at 6 and the evening show at 8. Tickets are $20.50 for dinner and show, $14.50 for dairy nosh and show (matinee only) and $8.50 for show only. Free transportation is provided for senior citizens. Group rates are available.

For reservations, call Jewish Theatrical Productions at 752-7339 or 445-8718.

HOLOCAUST ASSOCIATION TEA
The Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, the organization that brought **Ernst Zundel** to justice, invites the community to a tea on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 1-5 p.m. at the home of **Lily and Arnold Friedman**, 47 York Downs Dr. (east off Bathurst St.).

Proceeds will go towards legal costs for activities in confronting all forms of hate propaganda and anti-semitism.

For information, call 781-3571.

CLEANING YOUR CLOSETS?
Cleaning your closets? Then please remember Just a Second Shop, a project of Jewish Family & Child Service providing new and nearly new clothing for those in need in the community.

Especially needed are baby and children's fall and winter clothing and baby items.

The shop is located at 3420 Bathurst St. Store hours are Monday-Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 789-9680.

ECRUSY FALL RETREAT
Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth (ECRUSY) is holding its annual fall Shabbat enhancement weekend in Ottawa Oct. 11-13. USYers from Agudath Israel Synagogue are planning an exciting weekend including Shabbat services, a tour of the city, interesting discussion groups and keynote speakers.

The cost of the program is only $85, which covers transportation to and from Ottawa, all meals and all program costs.

If you are 12-17 years old and are interested, call **Mark Freedman**, regional youth director at 789-0579.

FOR STAY-AT-HOME MOTHERS
— Motherhood Today: It's Okay to Stay at Home will look at the difficulties faced by women who choose to remain at home. The group will explore the feelings of wives, husbands and socie-

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VCR PRESENTED

Norman Stern, pharmacist-owner of the Shoppers Drug Mart at Bathurst and Glencairn, presented a VCR recorder to the residents of the Terrace Gardens Retirement Home. From left to right, front row, are Mr. Stern, resident Jacob Weisbrod and Fern Teplitsky, administrator of Terrace Gardens. Back row, left to right are Adrienne Ziegler, activity director, and Tracy Schwartz, receptionist.

Organizations and People

What's New

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ty towards the homemaker. An important topic will be how to get stimulation when most of one's day is spent with children.

The six sessions will begin Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview. For further information and to register, call the synagogue at 633-5500.

SUBWAY ACADEMY ONE

Subway Academy One is an alternative secondary school of the Toronto board of education, located in Toronto's east end.

The school uses independent studies to give students the opportunity to progress at their own pace towards the completion of an Ontario secondary school graduation diploma. It offers a wide range of academic subjects in an informal, supportive environment.

Subway Academy One also offers extended hours to 7 p.m. one night a week to permit those who have daytime commitments to continue their education. The school operates during the month of July. The program is open to anyone 16 years of age or older, and is ideal for adults.

For further information, call 466-2153.

ECRUSY ALUMNI REUNION

Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth (ECRUSY) is planning a reunion to be held at the Skyline Hotel during this year's USY international convention Dec. 22-26. If you would like to help, call **Mark Freedman**, regional youth director, at 789-0579.

PART-TIME JOBS AVAILABLE

Part-time jobs are now being offered by the North York parks and recreation department for fall, winter and spring jobs teaching recreation programs and supervising community centres.

Salaries are based on the positions and the candidates qualifications. The period of employment and working hours vary with the different positions.

Applications may be picked up at the North York parks and recreation department, 5100 Yonge St., 3rd floor, weekdays from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; North York high school guidance offices; North York Canada Employment Centres, and university and college centres in southern Ontario.

SEPARATION & DIVORCE

A public education program focusing on separation and divorce is being sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service on Wednesdays, Oct. 13, 23 and 30, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. This 3-part program will feature noted lawyers, social workers, a psychiatrist and rabbi, who will deal with legal issues plus the emotional and psychological impact on families.

For registration and information, call **Risa** at JF & CS at 638-7800.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Toronto Speech and Stroke Centre offers a speech stimulation program to assist stroke survivors and brain injured adults to regain their speech.

Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with this program which operates daily in the Yonge-Finch area. Since training is provided, experience is not necessary. Some sessions are also carried out in individual homes so some scheduling is flexible.

If you are interested in becoming involved, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

singles

A reminder that due to Jewish and Thanksgiving holidays, the deadline for the Oct. 17 issue has been moved to Friday, Oct. 4, at 4 p.m. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your material.

Pioneer Women Na'amat's Nurit Chapter invites single career women, mid 30s to early 40s, to enjoy warm friendships and new activities. Come out and share an evening with the members. It's not too late to become one. The next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 10, at 8 p.m. For directions and more information, call the PW office at 636-5425, days.

Singles and single parents with their children are invited to a special singles Simchat Torah hakafot (dance around the Torah) on Monday, Oct. 7, at King David Congregation, 730 Eglinton Ave. W. Service will be conducted by **Rabbi Meir Gottesman**. Refreshments will be served.

B'nai B'rith Co-ed Singles Lodge (20s and 30s) will hold its next general meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7.30 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith House, 15 Hove. St., Downsview. For further information, call **Debbie** at 633-6224 days or **Steve** at 489-2692 evenings.

A Singles Networking Party is being planned by **Toronto Singles** at Rooneys, 2 Rosehill Ave. (south of St. Clair at Yonge), with a seminar on money management from 7.30-9 p.m. followed by the party reception. Door prizes will be a $100 certificate from P.F. Travel and dinner for two at Le Connaisseur. Cover is $5. Call Rooneys at 924-2798 for details.

40 Plus Singles Holy Blossom Temple group is meeting on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 7.30 p.m. in the Philip Smith foyer of the temple for havdala service followed by the movie The Masculine Mystique, which is about four men and their relationships with women. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free for members, $2 for non-members.

at the jcc

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Four courses in Hebrew are being offered by the Jewish Community Centre adult program department, 4588 Bathurst St. Each course is 20 sessions. Hebrew-Beginners will start Wednesday, Nov 6, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and also at 7:30-9:30 p.m. Hebrew - Intermediate starts Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 9.30-11.30 a.m. and 7.30-9.30 p.m. The fee for the 20 sessions is $100 for JCC members, $130 non-members. The instructor is **Noemi Liberman**, a Hebrew teacher with over 10 years experience. For further information, call **Georgine Nash** at 636-1880.

For Italian food enthusiasts an excellent course on Kosher Italian cooking begins Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. This 4-session course, presenting the pleasures and fun of cooking Italian the kosher way, will take place at Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. with instructors **Rhonda Katz** and **Melanie Brady**. The fee is $35 plus $10 for materials. Registration is at the JCC or at Columbus Centre. Call Georgine Nash for further information.

The Leah Posluns Theatre School still has a few places left for advanced, older students in the following courses: Basics of Scriptwriting with **Ernest Schwartz**, Directing Advanced Acting for Advanced Acting Students with **Lewis Baumander**, Musical Theatre with **Tom Diamond** and Improvisation with **Allan Guttman**. If you would like to join a class, get in touch with either **Claire Lougheed** or **Rose Dubin** at 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271 as soon as possible.

The North-East Valley branch of the JCC is now accepting registration for the half-day nursery and junior kindergarten programs (1986-87 season). Children must be 3 years of age by December, 1986, for the nursery and 4 by December, 1986, for the junior kindergarten program. For more information, call **Yonah** or **Jodi** at 889-0813.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's Succot party, featuring the Creative Living Choir under the direction of **Amy Gilbert**, is set for Thursday, Oct. 3, at 1 p.m. Enjoy Succoth refreshments with the group.....Ongoing programs will be continued — folkdancing, Mondays 11 a.m. to noon; drama with **Nat Garnick**, Mondays 1-3 p.m.; oil painting, Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.; dancersize with music, Thursdays, 10:30-11.30 a.m.; films (current Hollywood movies, travelogues, music and art appreciation), Thursdays 1-3 p.m.....Don't forget the trip planned for Nov. 12-Dec.2 to Amsterdam and Israel.

Earl Bales Seniors' Place recently elected executive is headed by **Doris Browne**, president, with **Fred Plener**, 1st vice-president; **Charlie Cohen**, 2nd vice-president; **Sylvia Plant**, secretary, and **Morris Greenwood**, treasurer. The board of directors includes **Fay Davidson, Issie Samet, Mary Gregg, Ann Soren, Max Lazer, Sylvia Webber, Bernie Robuck, Lou Goldenberg, Linda Daniels, Blanche Shulman, Bert Levy, Harold B. Stollof** and **Anne Hirschberg**.

Senior Citizens Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon to complete registration for the Miami trip.....The pre-Simchat Torah celebration takes place at the Borochov Centre on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 8 p.m., with a guest speaker from Israel, three singers and refreshments. Admission is free for members only..... At the luncheon meeting of Wednesday, Oct. 9, **Belle Naiman** and **Libby Ravka** will be receiving deposits for the Miami trip from 10 a.m. to noon. There will also be a suitable program.....A meeting is arranged for Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to noon, for members of the Miami trip only, to discuss plans for the trip and receive the second instalment. Refreshments will be served.....All meetings take place at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

At the **Wagman Centre**, the music appreciation series presented by the Sam and Mary Harris Music Room Committee continues on Wednesday, Oct. 9, with The Guitar - A Portable Orchestra with guitarist **Jonathan Earp**. The time is 2-3 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A new program is being introduced for members and for the community at large entitled Challenges Facing Remarried Couples. This program is limited to 10 couples. Family therapist **Tatiana Kuchinsky**, a member of the Ontario Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, will lead the discussion group. Cost is $40 per couple for 10 sessions. It will run Thursdays from 7:15-8.30 p.m., starting Oct. 17. For more information, contact staff social worker **Suzanne Lando** at 225-2112.

A Yiddish discussion group with **Leo Robin** meets on Friday mornings at 10. This is for members only and there is no charge.

The fall Israel tour is arranged for Nov. 13-Dec. 2. The cost per person of $2,300 (Canadian funds) for double occupancy includes everything — air fare, hotels, tours, insurance, two meals a day. The trip is for members of the centre. You are invited to become a member. Call the travel department at 225-2112.

The Health Information lecture on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 1.30 p.m. will focus on Back Problems and What to Do About Them - Two Perspectives with **Dr. Katrina Kulhay**, chiropractor, and **Dr. Paul Jaconello**, general practitioner. All health lectures are open to all interested individuals. Admission is free for members, $1 for non-members. For further information, call **Randi Fine** at 225-2112.

The Simchat Torah fall luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at noon, features entertainment by **Jenny Eisenstein**. This is for members only and the cost is $4.

At the Sunday afternoon program on Oct. 6, **Noam Eisen** and **Fern Dworkin** will play and sing for you. The time is 2 p.m. and the fee is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

About People

HANNAH SANDBERG RETROSPECTIVE

Hannah Sandberg, still vibrant at 80, is a visual artist and creator of a stunning collection of expressionistic works. A 40-year retrospective of her remarkable achievement, highlighted by some recent work, is on view at the Samuel J. Zacks Gallery, York University until Oct. 10.

Exhibition hours are noon to 4 p.m., Sunday through Friday.

U.S. NATIONAL AWARD WINNER

Jonathan Tward has been named a 1985 United States National Award winner in science by the United States Achievement Academy.

Jonathan Tward

The academy selects USAA winners upon the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other school sponsors. The criteria for selection are academic performance, interest and aptitude leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, and dependability.

Jonathan, a student at Sepulveda Junior High School in Northridge, Calif., was nominated by his science teacher. He will appear in the USAA official yearbook published nationally.

Jonathan is the son of **Dr. and Mrs. Manny Tward** of Northridge. His grandparents are **Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Moskovits** and **Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tward**, all of Toronto.

APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE

Dr. Gerald Meister, expert on Middle East affairs, presents a State of Israel Bonds certificate of appreciation to Bella and Sam Bojman for hosting a reception that preceded a Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and Fashion Division tribute dinner in honor of Henry Zagdanski. From left to right are Joanna and Henry Zagdanski, Bella and Sam Bojman, Dr. Gerald Meister and Harold Spring, Israel Bond chairman. [Graphic Artists photo]

PRAYERS TO ISRAEL

When the senior kindergarten children of United Synagogue Day School Bayview branch found out that one of their teachers, Shirley Bar-El, was going to Israel this past summer, they wrote letters, wishes and prayers and put them in her suitcase. They thanked G-d for the Torah and for their parents, wished for rain in Ethiopia and prayed for peace in the world. Mrs. Bar-El and her daughter Leora, also a student at the school, accomplished their mission by praying at the Western Wall and placing the letters in the cracks of the Kotel. From left to right are Michael Anthony, Laura Mendelsohn, Efraim Kazman, Aaron Rosenthal, Mark Majerovic, Mrs. Bar-El and Michelle Gordon.

Organizations and People

HEBREW U SEMINAR

The United Synagogue of America, through its department of education and in conjunction with the Torah education department of the World Zionist Organization, recently concluded a month-long seminar at Hebrew University in Jerusalem for 23 Solomon Schechter Day School educators from the U.S. and Canada. With seminar coordinators are participants from the Toronto area, left to right: Aharon Eldar, Torah education department, WZO; Simon Schwartz, president of MERCAZ, the Zionist organization of the Conservative movement; Michael Goldstein, United Synagogue Day School, Toronto; Dr. Pesach Schindler, director, United Synagogue's Jerusalem office; Efraim Bagola, United Synagogue Day School, Toronto; and Meir Efrati, assistant director, United Synagogue department of education and coordinator of the Solomon Schechter Day School program.

Bill called "inherently racist"

Social worker vs. funding

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Bob Katz spent $1,000 last year on Jewish education for his two children.

He would have spent much more had he opted to send them to a Jewish day school or even a supplementary school that, unlike the one he chose, does not use parent volunteers.

He admits that even this rock-bottom tuition hurts.

Yet, in a submission Katz made last week to the Ontario Legislature committee on the full funding of Roman Catholic schools, he argued vehemently against additional funding for either the separate system or any other private school system, including the Jewish schools.

Katz, a social worker, will also put his case before the Ontario Court of Appeals. The court is now hearing a reference brought before it by the Ontario government to determine whether Bill 30, the bill to extend funding to the separate schools, conflicts with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"Much more emotional"

In his brief to the committee, which he described in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News as "much more emotional" than the legal arguments he intends to bring before the court, Katz attacked Bill 30 as "inherently racist."

He acknowledged that religious education is "the best protection Jews (or any minority religion) have against assimilation."

But the province should not pay for this education, he argued.

He said he accepts the present level of funding for the separate schools, which is guaranteed by the British North America Act, because "we would not want to play spoilers and so the anachronism of one and only one religion having a partially funded system could continue."

But he warned that if Bill 30 passes, "minority religions will not rest until they too are permitted the same rights as you will have given to the largest denomination."

The campaign for equal rights would turn ugly, he said. Since many religious minorities are also racial minorities, the battle lines would divide on racial lines.

Eventually, "every religion and every schism" would have its own system, the public schools would wither, and integration would end.

"People would immigrate to Ontario, and send their children to a parochial school. These children might live in a ghettoized community and never meet anyone of another religion during their childhood.

"Multiculturalism could not survive."

Katz told The CJN that he recognizes the financial burden parents of children in the Jewish day schools carry.

But he is philosophically opposed to their choice. "I do not want my children in a parochial school; I value our multicultural society," his brief stated.

The only kind of financial relief he would like to see such parents receive is relief from the higher taxes resulting from funding grades 11 to 13 in the separate school system.

UJA fly-in program to Washington a bit

TORONTO —

"The UJA is coming! The UJA is coming!"

So the cry went up throughout Foggy Bottom — or if it didn't, it should have — as 242 contributors and United Jewish Appeal campaign volunteers "invaded" Washington on two successive dates in mid-September to take part in Toronto UJA's Washington fly-in program.

Now in its second year, the fly-in idea has proved a unique means of providing participants with a comprehensive overview of current U.S.-Israel relations, according to United Jewish Appeal officials.

Response for the opportunity to be involved in the program was so great that two Washington dates were offered to accommodate this year's participants. Additionally, Women's Division of United Jewish Appeal accounted for yet a third mission date.

Combined, the trio of programs attracted 350 Torontonians.

Locales featured included the Pentagon, state department, Israel embassy and senatorial offices.

Those providing in-depth briefings of various aspects of Israel's status with the United States included Joseph Ya'akov, consul-general of Israel in Washington; Richard Dudley, director of the Israel Desk of International Security Affairs at the Pentagon; Phil Wilcox, state department director of Near East and South Asia regional affairs; U.S. senators John Kerry, Larry Smith, Howard Metzenbaum and Rudy Boschwitz; and Arthur Cholitin, assistant director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

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Dantos have distinguished careers

Synagogue to honor cantor, wife

TORONTO —
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will honor Cantor Louis Danto and his wife Rouhama at a State of Israel Bonds Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Sigmund Reiser is dinner chairman and also Israel Bond chairman, with co-chairperson, Ethel Rosen. Entertainment will be provided by Cantor David Bagley of Beth Shalom Synagogue; international artist, Rifka Golani; and piano accompanist, Vera Danchenko. The program will include guest speaker, Gerda Klein, a renowned author of many books on the Holocaust.

Cantor Danto's career began in Poland when as a child he sang as alto soloist in the choirs of such greats as Jacob Berman and David Moishe Steinberg. Nazi Germany's invasion of Poland uprooted him to Minsk where he studied at the conservatory.

Cantor Louis and Rouhama Danto

When the Nazis invaded he was taken deep into Russia with a group of other talented children and studied cello and voice. After the war, he studied hazzanuth with Leo Lowe and Herman Zalis and expanded his knowledge of Jewish sources at the Mir Yeshiva.

Danto has performed widely throughout the world: Carnegie Hall in New York, Israel, Vienna, London, Johannesburg, Moscow and the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto. In September, 1984, he was chosen to sing before Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in Maple Leaf Gardens.

In June of this year, Danto performed in a special service of the International Kiwanis Convention.

The Cantor's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary has bestowed upon him the title of Honors Senior. The Cantor's Assembly of America honored him with the Yuval Award.

Danto is active in the integration of Russian immigrants in Canada, coordination of multicultural events and in the Toronto Jewish Congress. He is a member of Yorkdale Lodge of B'nai B'rith and the past president of Cantorial Clergymen of Ontario.

Rouhama Danto is a seventh generation sabra and descends from a long rabbinical line. Her grandfather was sent from Israel to Czechoslovakia as a Rosh Yeshiva and her father was a rabbi and educator in a yeshiva in Israel.

Mrs. Danto received her BSc in biology at the University of Tel Aviv. She also studied violin and art, and as a commercial artist produced a series of educational films.

After reaching military age, she spent two years in the Israeli army. Then, sent as an exchange teacher to the United States, she obtained her BA in Bible Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

After marrying Louis Danto, she moved to Cleveland where she worked as a consultant to the Jewish Board of Education and now teaches at Associated Hebrew Schools in Toronto.

The Danto's have three children: Annette, Denise and David.

Everyone benefits

United Way sets 1985 goal

TORONTO —
The United Way of Greater Toronto has set its 1985 fund raising goal at $29.9 million and it needs our help.

The United Way supports 100 voluntary social service agencies in this community, assisting 1 million people, plus 106 agencies on the outskirts of Metro.

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Who benefits from The United Way? We all do through our communty agencies, from the Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto to Toronto Hebrew ReEstablishment Services.

And that care becomes a lot less institutional and a lot more personal when we hear about people like Adele, and Tom M.

Adele came to Canada from Poland with her husband, over the years raised a close family, and then fell into deep despair when her husband died two years ago.

Her sons worried about her isolation and approached Baycrest Day Care Service, a United Way agency, for help.

The service provided Adele with counseling, and she gradually decreased her sense of loss. She now attends Day Care regularly and can recall the good life she led with her husband.

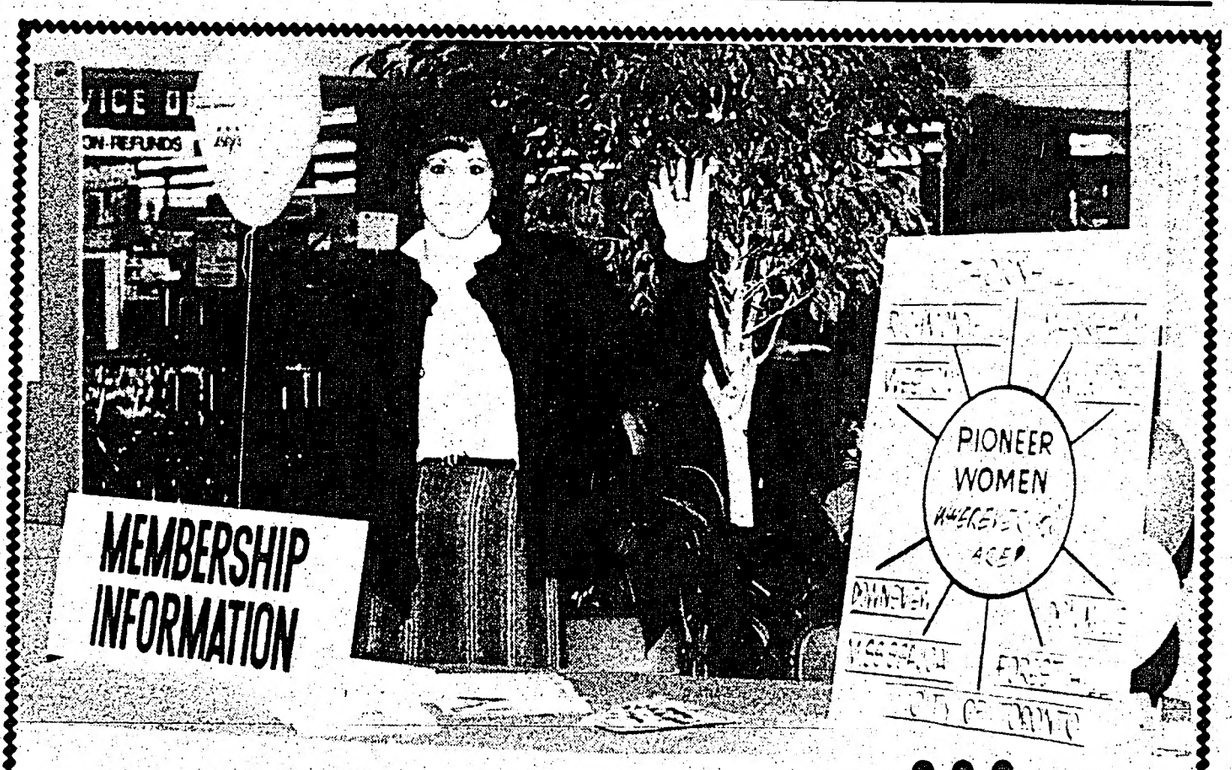
Tom M.'s story is quite different. Born into a troubled home, he was kicked out at age 11 and spent five years in foster homes. He has a history of theft-related offences, short jail sentences and probation periods.

Then Tom came to Frank Drea House, part of the John Howard Society, a United Way agency.

Tom learned budgeting, received counseling, job training and literacy skills. His outlook on life changed.

In May 1984 Tom graduated from the FDH program and began a new job in June. He has his own apartment and married in the summer — all he needed was someone to believe in him.

The United Way helps us, and needs our help. To make a contribution, phone (416) 979-2001 or write, 156 Front St. W. 4th floor, Toronto, M5J 1J3.



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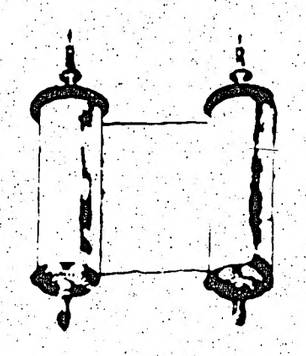

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Zot Habracha / Simchat Torah.

On Simchat Torah we complete the Torah — and celebrate with every fibre in our bodies.

A scholar saw an unlearned man dancing and rejoicing with the Torah on Simchat Torah. Knowing that the man never opened a book, he teased him: "Why are you celebrating — you never study the Torah?"

Answered the simple man: "And if my brother marries off his daughter and makes a celebration, may I not dance also?"

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The final portion describes the death of Moses, which was the 7th of Adar. Traditionally, it was the time when the chevra kadisha (burial society) would make its annual dinner, and the members would imbibe freely.

Once Reb Yitzchak Aurebach was invited to one of these celebrations. The members ate heartily and drank even more freely until they were feeling no pain — and then the rabbi was honored by an invitation to speak.

He said: "We find that when Moses died, the Al-mighty Himself buried him, and no one knew the place where Moses was buried.

"There are two questions — first, why did G-d Himself have to bury Moses . . . where was the chevra kadisha? And secondly, why does no one know where Moses is buried — the chevra kadisha could have made a fortune selling people a burial place near Moses.

"But the answer is simple — it was the seventh of Adar, and the whole chevra kadisha was celebrating, and too drunk to do the burial — so the Al-mighty had to do it Himself. And there wasn't even anyone to show where Moses is buried!"

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Life is difficult. We have to learn to enjoy every moment.

Consider . . . Moses blessed each tribe. He turned to Naphtali and said: Napthali is satisfied with favor — and full with the blessings of G-d!

Commented Rabbi Shlomo Kluger: Who is full of the blessings of G-d? Someone who is "sva ratzon" — someone who is satisfied with what he has.

Blessings come from inside, not outside. A poor man with a 2-room apartment but is happy with what he has — his health, his family, his loving wife — is blessed by G-d. Each day he wakes up and sings Modeh Anee — thank G-d!

A millionaire who has a mansion, tennis courts and great factories . . . but it's still not enough — power is still out of his grasp, tortured by jealousy — where's the blessing?

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On Simchat Torah we have to see and be seen.

We sing: Seesu vsimchu . . . Rejoice and be happy on Simchat Torah. Why the double language — rejoice and be happy? Why not just be happy? But is shows — we have to rejoice with the Torah, but the Torah has to rejoice and be happy with **us!**

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Shaarei Shomayim's Great Weekend

Torah and Terrorism lecture topic

TORONTO —

Hostage-taking has been a common vehicle of oppressors of the Jewish people in the many years that Jews have been confronted with terrorism, says Rabbi Saul Berman of New York City's Lincoln Square Synagogue. And while there are many ways to combat terrorism, Jewish law has its own answer, he says.

This is one of three topics to be discussed in free, public lectures by Berman, guest speaker at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation's Great Weekend, sponsored by the synagogue's adult education committee. He will speak on Torah and Terrorism at 8.15 p.m. on Saturday evening, Oct. 19.

At Shabbat services, Berman will discuss The Notion of Holiness. He says that while many people believe that to be holy one must withdraw from the rest of the world, this is perhaps not the appropriate Jewish model to follow.

At 9.30 a.m. Sunday, Berman will discuss business and interpersonal ethics as they relate to Judaism. "While people agree that deception of others is unethical, what order of demands does Jewish law make of us in maintaining integrity in both our personal and business relationships?" he asks.

Berman, an associate professor of Jewish Studies at Stern College for Women in New York, has written a number of publications encompassing Jewish and secular topics.

For further information, call the synagogue office at 789-3213.

Lincoln Alexander

Congress offers congratulations to Alexander

TORONTO —

The Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, has congratulated Lincoln Alexander on his appointment as Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Ontario.

"Both through deed and action, you have demonstrated a willingness to work in a style characterized by openness, ease and flexibility," committee chairman Rose Wolfe told the province's first Black vice-regal representative and former Hamilton-area Conservative MP, federal cabinet minister and chairman of the Ontario Workers' Compensation Board.

"Your comments reflecting your desire to work in conjunction with Ontario's varied multicultural community is most welcomed," she said, adding that the province's Jewish community looks forward to working with Alexander and wishes him success in his new post.

In a separate letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Wolfe congratulated both the federal and provincial governments on the appointment.

The move "demonstrates Canada's willingness to recognize the many contributions made by our varied cultural and ethnic communities," she said.

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Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, UCLA, author of the newly-published book, "Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust 1933-45"

Susan Weidman-Schneider:
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Organizations and People

Other disincentives to be removed

Welfare system change may "open new doors"

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
The recent federal-provincial agreement that would allow some welfare recipients to work or enrol in job training programs without immediately losing their benefits will "open new doors" in the social welfare structure, Ontario's minister of community and social services told the recent annual meeting of Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto.

John Sweeney told the more than 100 social workers, professionals and lay leaders at the Lipa Green Building that several other "disincentives" will be removed from the province's welfare system, without hurting its recipients.

Sweeney met last week with his nine provincial counterparts and with federal Health and Welfare Minister Jake Epp in Ottawa to map out other sweeping changes to social schemes, such as pensions, welfare, workshops for the disabled and post-psychiatric care.

Sweeney promised "an entire review" of the workshop system, which trains and employs the mentally and physically disabled in workshop settings.

He said the image of workshops has to be changed from work that exploits the handicapped as cheap labor, to competitive operations that come close to duplicating the open workplace and helping the disabled lead meaningful lives.

One of the government's goals, Sweeney explained, is to remove financial penalties people on welfare face when they try to get work or job retraining.

The new plan would mean that a person finding a job which pays less than social assistance would see the difference paid by the government.

The plan would mean the government could save money. It would also mean an extra $160 a month for an average welfare family whose head enrols in job training and is allowed to keep both the welfare payments and the allowances paid by the program, Sweeney later told The CJN.

The agreement would allow continuing some social assistance for a 1-year transition period in which employment retraining is taking place, he explained.

"It's historic; a giant step forward," Sweeney added.

The question of pensions for homemakers was also debated. Sweeney said he feels an agreement can be reached in the area sometime next year.

During his talk, Sweeney said he and provincial health minister Murray Elston have "agonized" over the issue of post-psychiatric care, but that no clear answer is forthcoming.

He praised Jewish Vocational Service as "a shining example of cooperative spirit.

"If evidence is needed that the Jewish community is not insular, not self-seeking, it is this example of cooperative venture." Jewish Vocational Service, he said, enjoys a wide reputation for competency.

He compared Toronto's Jewish community to his native Kitchener's Mennonite community as "both having a real sense of community."

A resolution was passed to rename the JVS building at 74 Tycos Rd. to the Louis L. Lockshin Building, in honor of a past president of the Jewish career counseling, vocational rehabilitation and job placement centre.

JVS president David A. Rubin was re-appointed for a 1-year term. Ethyl Levine was named a new honorary director and six new directors were appointed.

Ontario's minister of community and social services John Sweeney (left) chats with Jewish Vocational Service president David A. Rubin. [Graphic Artists photo]

Support for rally sought

TORONTO —
Max Shecter, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation (Central Region) has sent a telegram to all constituent organizations urging full support for the community Simchat Torah rally Oct. 6 which will focus on Soviet Jewish prisoners and Refuseniks.

The rally will begin at noon at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. and will then move to Earl Bales Park where there will be a program featuring addresses by a number of dignitaries to be followed by singing and dancing.

"Apart from the fundamental issue of human rights, the ingathering of the Jewish People in its historical homeland, Eretz Yisrael, through aliya is still the priority of Zionism today," said Shecter.

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Organizations and People

Toronto Jewish community women's forum

Kaleidoscope features strong lineup of speakers

TORONTO —

Kaleidoscope, the Toronto Jewish community women's forum which focuses on social, cultural and professional issues as they pertain to the contemporary Jewish woman, will be on Wednesday evening, Oct. 16 and Thursday, Oct. 17th, at Shaarei Shomayim congregation.

Presented under auspices of the Jewish Women's Federation and its United Jewish Appeal campaign division, the event, in its two previous outings, played to full houses. Judy Scheininger, Kaleidoscope chairman, says this year's program should prove no exception.

"In Praise of Jewish Women" is the Kaleidoscope 86 theme, and Scheininger lists a strong lineup of featured speakers for the event.

From Canada, these notables include:

• **Michele Landsberg,** a columnist with the Globe and Mail. She authored the book Women and Children First, and has just completed a second one — Michele Landsberg's Guide to Children's Literature.

Recipient of the 1985 Ida Nudel Humanitarian Award, Landsberg is the wife of Canada's ambassador to the United Nation's, Stephen Lewis.

• **Shira Herzog-Bessin,** associate national director of the Canada-Israel Committee. In this capacity she represents the Canadian Jewish community's interests in Israel and Canadian Middle East policy to the government of Canada and the media. She is also executive editor of the monthly publication, Canadian Middle East Digest.

From the United States are two guest speakers and a monodramatist:

• **Deborah Lipstadt** is assistant professor of Jewish Studies at the University of California, and author of the newly published book, Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust. Author of numerous articles on anti-semitism as well as on the changing role of the contemporary Jewish woman, she was scholar-in-residence at the 53rd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Toronto.

• **Susan Weidman-Schneider** authored Jewish and Female, a guide to achieving equality for women in all aspects of Jewish life. She is co-founder and editor of Lilith, the Jewish feminist quarterly.

A Winnipeger now residing in New York, Weidman-Schneider lectures across North America on issues of concern to both Jewish women and men.

• Actress **Rosina Fernhoff** holds Obie Awards for her off-Broadway performances, and has toured the U.S. in various major vehicles as well as performing in Israel with the Carmi Theatre. She will present a monodrama during the course of Kaleidoscope, Mrs. Davidson's Story — a fictional account of a terrorist siege at an international children's school in Israel.

As is its tradition, the main Kaleidoscope day session is preceded by an evening program under sponsorship of the Women's Business and Professional Network of UJA Women's Division. On the night of Oct. 16 Deborah Lipstadt will speak on "Jewish Female Identity: From Negotiation to Affirmation," and Weidman-Schneider will speak on "Jewish and Female: Choices and Challenges in Our Lives Today."

The Oct. 17 forum will feature a dialogue ("What Will They Say About Us in the Year 2000?") with Bessin, Landsberg, and Weidman-Schneider participating, as well as the Fernhoff monodrama and luncheon address by Lipstadt.

Anyone wishing information about registration for Kaleidoscope should call 635-2883, locals 132 or 135. Participants at the day and evening sessions will have the opportunity to make their 1986 commitment to UJA.

At work on Kaleidoscope 86 are seated from the left: Helene Green, Judy Scheininger, Susan Gordin, Linda Kahn. Standing are Lorraine Levine and Rochelle Diamond.

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Organizations and People

Building named in honor of Himels

Happiness marks Bialik Preschool dedication

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
With happy tears and songs, the Bialik day school community gathered recently to cut a ribbon, affix a mezuzah and dedicate the new Bialik Preschool Building named in honor of Ben and (the late) Edith Himel.

More than 200 people attended the ceremony opening the new facility. It allows Bialik to bring all its students (about 150) into one location and out of rented quarters at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Both senior and junior kindergarten classes are using the large new classrooms and they will soon play on a rooftop playground.

And for the first time, all Bialik students have access to the basement level gymnasium in the sandstone colored building. The gym also has a stage for school plays and a projection booth for showing films.

"We have dreamed of this occasion for many years to bring our children back to 'big Bialik,' " said chairman of the board Harry Steiner during the outdoor ceremony.

"Ben has devoted his life to the Labor Zionist movement," Steiner continued. "There is no doubt in my mind that the students will continue to live up to the Bialik name."

To perpetuate the memory of that dedication and construction of the school, the cornerstone is a time-capsule **containing among other things: the constitution of the school, its philosophy, a picture of the groundbreaking ceremony and a copy of The Canadian Jewish News.**

After a moving and tearful tribute to Ben and Edith by assistant principal Bayla Chaikof, Mr. Himel and his daughter Pearl Banks dedicated the cornerstone.

"This is a moment of achievement and importance," said Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education.

"We thank the Almighty for having brought us to this moment," he said as he, Barney Loftus and Mel Finkelstein nailed the mezzuzah to the door post, while Bialik music teacher Yitzchak Argaman led the assembled in singing She'hechianu.

Following the ribbon cutting, the guests proceeded into the gym for an indoor ceremony which began with a procession of the school's young new inhabitants.

Each one came in carrying a Canadian and Israeli flag, and singing the Hebrew song Apples and Honey.

Vice-consul of Israel in Toronto, Moshe Ben-Zion brought greetings and commendations: "A Hebrew school perpetuates those cultural values which have kept us alive," he said.

Roland de Corneille, MP for Eglinton-Lawrence, and responsible for helping to obtain funds for the school, commented on the value of Jewish education and the Bible to communication in an information world.

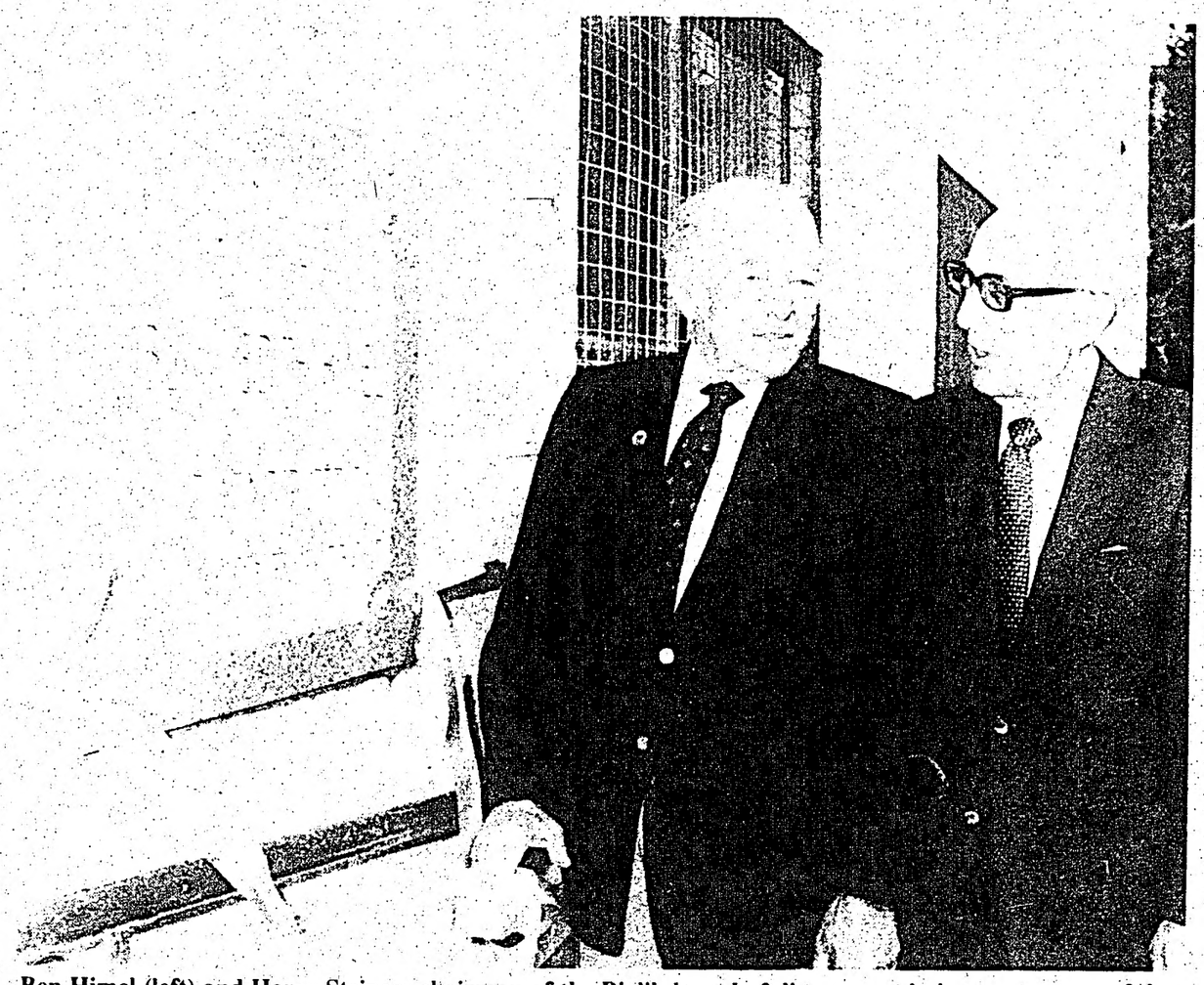
Also adding their congratulations to the efforts of the Himels and the other contributors were: Alderman Howard Moscoe; Harry Weinstock, chairman LZA; Norma Barkin, president, Pioneer Women Na'amat; Bialik principal David Gamliel; past chairman Sandra Brown; vice-chairman and master of ceremonies Julius Sokoloff; Dr. Gershon Winer, professor of Yiddish language and literature at Bar Ilan University; Israel Appel and Victor Topper.

Chairman of the building committee, Michael Kerbel received a plaque for his work on the school.

However, it was the Himels who were at the centre of the proceedings. Responding on behalf of his father Ben, Irving Himel said: "My father stands for social justice. We are very happy as a family to participate in the raising of another institution to educate our children."

Following the ceremony, Ben Himel said: "My contribution to the building is to ensure a continuation of Jewish education. I think the building is quite proper and needed. My wife would have been most happy. She was always working for anything for Jewish education."

Having finished this project, Himel said he is now working towards raising a quarter of a million dollars with Bar Ilan, the Jewish Cultural Committee and the Israeli government to establish a Yiddish program in elementary schools in Israel.



Ben Himel (left) and Harry Steiner, chairman of the Bialik board of directors, admire cornerstone of the new Bialik Preschool Building. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Wonderful World of Travel

Snake Path accurately named

CJN reporter struck by Masada's beauty, perfection

By
DAVID PIERSON

JERUSALEM —

If you visit Israel a trip to Masada is essential.

Herod's royal citadel and the last outpost of the Zealots during the Jewish War against Rome, Masada is situated on the top of an isolated rock on the edge of the Judean Desert and the Dead Sea Valley, approximately 25 km. south of En-Gedi.

The hour's drive from Jerusalem is breathtakingly beautiful and helps you ignore the hairpin turns that Israeli drivers seem to delight in taking at break-neck speeds.

After stepping off the air conditioned bus the first thing that hits you is the blinding heat. Temperatures can easily climb into the high 30s and a hat is essential before ascending the mount.

The 400 metre Masada looks like a deceptively simple hike from the ground and this reporter was all set to climb but the cable car operator insisted that in the midday heat without a hat or water I wouldn't make it, so I took the car up.

On disembarking one is immediately struck by the fascinating beauty and perfection of the ancient ruins. Every building from Herod's 3-tiered palace villa to the synagogue is preserved as it was 2,000 years ago and one could spend hours touring the mount which is only 1,400 metres in circumference.

I was determined to walk down the mount and with the warnings of the cable car operator ringing in my ears I began my descent down the accurately titled Snake Path.

After 200 yards of stumbling down rock hard stairs that varied in drops between one and three feet and emerging into the blazing desert sun I was ready to turn around.

But who could bear the grin and the I told you so look of the cable car operator? And with the freshly read Joshua Then and Now refrain of "are you a man or a mouse?" on my mind, I bravely staggered on.

Snake path varied between stone stairs and steep paths. It was impossible not to start jogging down due to the steep incline and one would have to brake oneself frantically when the path would end and change direction.

Halfway down I was kicking myself for ignoring the huge warning sign at the bottom of the mount to take lots of water. My mouth from breathing hot desert air was parched dry when I met two Australians who were merrily climbing up.

One generously proffered his canteen and I had swallowed three large mouthfuls before I realized the drink was as warm as bath water. On I staggered.

Finally the shelter at the bottom was in sight and I jogged the final 100 yards where there was just one last 50 metre climb to the refreshment stand.

Gasping I happily paid the outrageous 1,500 shekel charge for a bottle of water and drained it in a few gulps. As I was leaving a young English woman was beginning to climb the mount despite my warnings that she'd regret it.

Oh well, I thought as I limped towards the bus stop, she'll find out.

Masada continues to attract thousands of tourists.

Tel Aviv Hilton has a birthday

By
BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

The Tel Aviv Hilton is celebrating its 20th anniversary in a rather unusual manner. Rather than holding a series of parties, general manager Peter van der Fliet decided that the occasion should be marked as a year of appreciation and gratitude to those individuals and organizations who contributed to the success of the luxury hotel.

To start the anniversary year's celebrations, Maestro Leonard Bernstein, who spent so much time and effort helping to make the Israel Philharmonic the success it is, was selected to be honored.

Arriving in Israel to conduct the Philharmonic's performance of Mahler's Ninth Symphony, Bernstein returned to the Hilton after the performance where he was urged to go to the ballroom to join in the hotel's birthday party.

To the music of "Happy Birthday to You" the words of which covered the walls of the ballroom, Bernstein led in conducting the birthday singsong.

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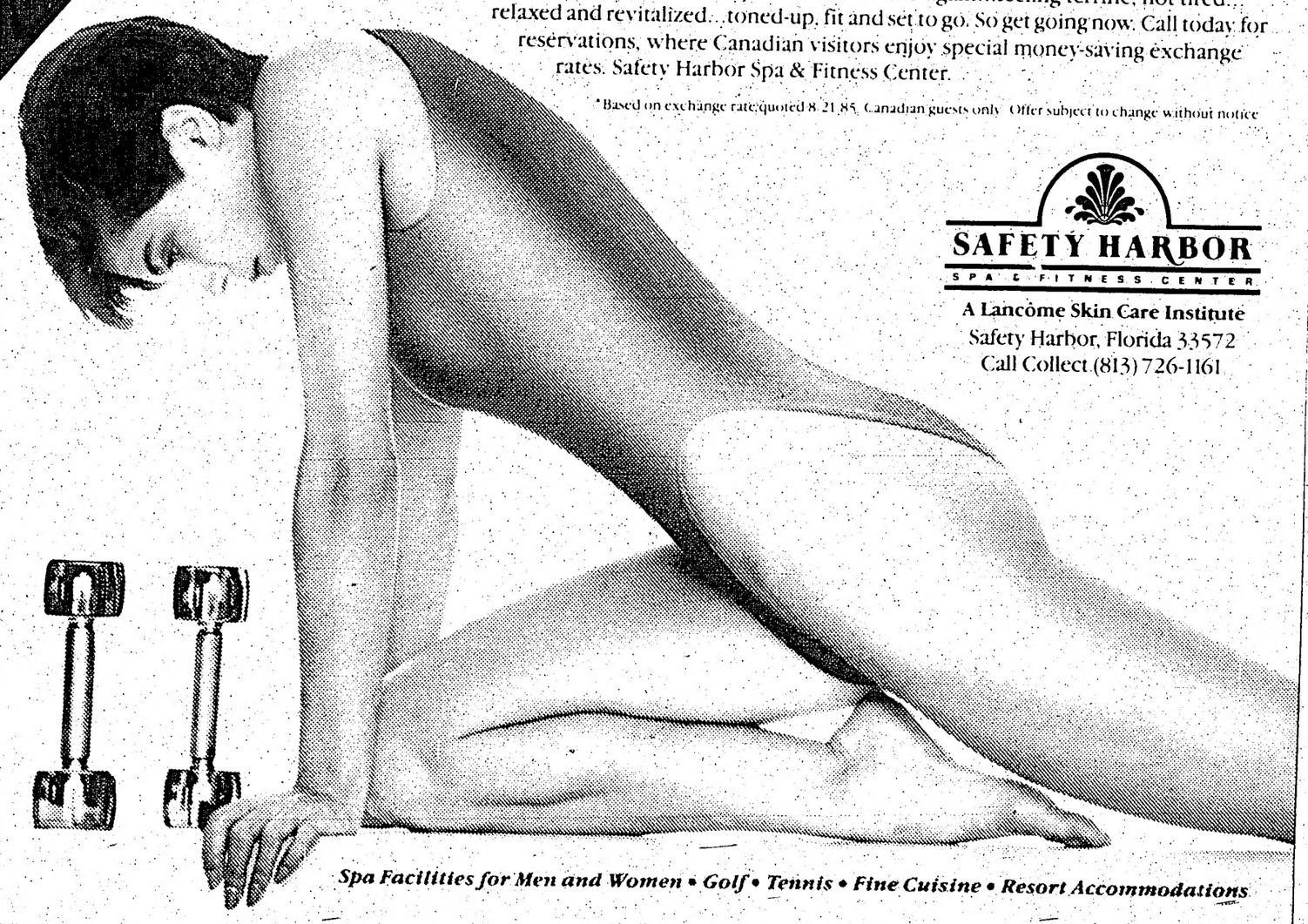

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Travel

Savings on Gulf coast

Canadian vacationers will receive break in Florida

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

SARASOTA —

All along the Gulf of Mexico coast of Florida a chain of islands extends southward with fine beaches and a growing number of winter resort communities.

This is a region for outdoor sports, golf, deepsea and coastal fishing with some 150 species of fish in the salt and fresh waters, sailing, tennis and bicycling.

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Canadian visitors will be able to identify participating properties, restaurants and shops by window or door decals, Canadian flags, counter-top displays and a brochure of the Lee County Tourist Development Council, listing the properties which take Canadian money at par.

Island hopping extends practically from Tampa, with its international airport, to the Everglades National Park at the south end of the state.

These mangrove covered islands are best accessible by boat, though some resorts have small airstrips or seaplane facilities.

If you come by boat the Intracoastal Waterway is mainly between the islands and the mainland.

Here are 100 barrier islands, including Marco, Sanibel, Captiva, Estero, Pine Island, Bonita Beach, Cape Coral, Lehigh and Useppa.

Here more than 50 miles of glistening white sand beaches are accessible. This country is filled with a large number of meandering creeks, shallow flats and unmarked channels, as well as clearly marked channels for the boating vacationer.

As you cruise along you may see porpoises, sea turtles, otters and alligators, or manatees, also known as the sea cow and mistaken for mermaids by ancient sailors. There are herons, egrets and other shore birds.

Sanibel Island is best known to today's visitors for the vast variety of sea shells which are washed ashore daily from the Gulf of Mexico. Best time to gather sea shells is at low tide, when the waters recede from the wide beaches.

Some of the leading sailing schools in the United States are located on Sanibel, Captiva and Gasparilla Islands, along with small and medium-size hostelries and resorts.

There are 1-day sailing classes and week-long "instant sailing" courses, where novices can board a boat, and under the eye of an experienced captain start sailing straight away.

There are flotilla sailing trips where a captained lead boat charts a course around the islands, with stops for meals and overnight stays at some of the resorts.

Thousands of acres of the islands have been preserved as parks, wetland reserves for birdlife and wildlife refuges. Among these preserves is the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, named for the famous newspaper cartoonist of the early years of this century.

Here you will find in the wild pink flamingoes, roseate spoonbills, egrets, herons, cormorants and other exotic birds. There is a 4-mile drive through the refuge, or you can paddle your own canoe through its acreage.

At Fort Myers on the coast you can visit the winter home of famous inventor of the incandescent lamp and other marvels of the modern world, Thomas A. Edison.

He, along with other wealthy people of the early years of this century, built winter homes here.

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And if you happen to be in Tampa in mid-February try to take part in the Gasparillo Pirate Invasion, a re-enactment of pirate Jose Gasparillo and his attacks on the towns of the area.

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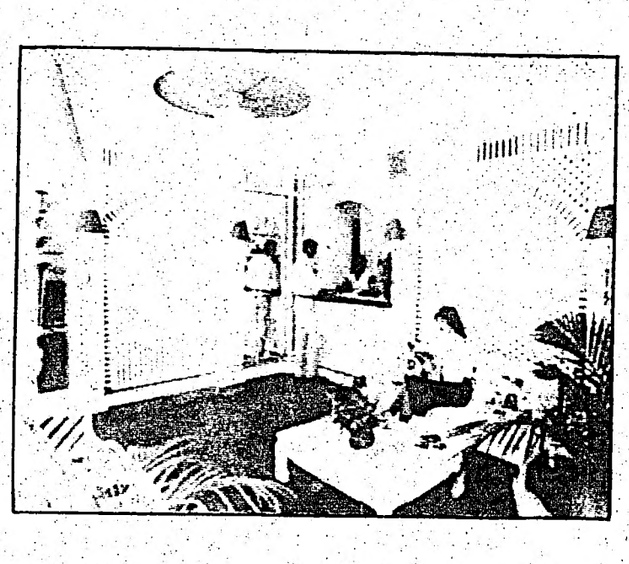

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Travel

"Give them a 20% discount..."

Finding fellow Jews on travels can be rewarding

By
ARNO HERZBERG

NEW YORK (WNS) —

In this jet age the world has become a smaller place. There are few surprises left and few adventures await the eager traveler. Travel guides do not show them and travelogs do not mention them.

When I come to some forlorn place, I always look for the Cohens, for the Levys and Goldbergs. It is a challenge to single them out and the rewards are great.

They are sometimes amusing, sometimes enlightening and sometimes sad.

There is nothing more rewarding than to hear a probing, cautious, uncertain "Yehudi?" directed towards you.

To answer it with a nod of your head is sheer pleasure. It creates a joyful expression on a wringled face. It expresses a kinship, excitement and a good feeling.

* * *

We were traveling for days through the solitude of the Northeast. We came to Nova Scotia and found a town full of tourist attractions. We wandered through the streets with many stores where tourists could spend their American dollars.

And there was a large, almost artistic sign, Rubin's Department Store. We went in and saw a man sitting in back of the store surrounded by several salesgirls.

A few customers were looking at merchandise. The man saw us coming through the revolving door and fixed his eyes on us.

I heard an almost inaudible "Jisroel?" escaping his lips. He had not seen Jewish tourists for a long time.

He wanted to know everything about us — what we were doing, where we were going. . . . A kosher meal?

Impossible. They get their kosher meat from Halifax only once a week. He called his manager on the second floor of the store.

"If these people want to buy anything, give them a 20% discount. . . ."

* * *

We were walking through a museum in Oslo, Norway. It showed the way people lived and traded here hundreds of years ago. A heavy, thick ledger had entries of transactions growing out of the daily life of that time.

I looked at the pages with their entries of buying and selling and I thought of a story my grandfather told me when I was a little boy.

It was my first lesson in the necessity of recording debits and credits in a proper manner.

He told the story of how hundreds of years ago, when the Jews in Europe had no official family names, there was a butcher in town who had to give credit to his customers for all their purchases.

But instead of recording their names, he just wrote: "The woman with the red kerchief" or "The woman in the blue dress."

When he died, there were many women with red kerchiefs in town and many wore blue dresses. His heirs lost all the money.

As I thought of this somewhat strange story, a man was looking over my shoulder in the Oslo museum.

"Yehudi?" he whispered. He came from Venezuela. He had taken his family for a trip through Europe and the United States where he had invested his money. He had provided for the future needs of his family.

One never knows what can happen to the Jews in Latin America!

I felt keenly the insecurity, the fright of the unknown that governed this man. He was pouring out his personal affairs to a complete stranger.

I never saw him again. I never knew his name. He was one of those that enter your life and walk away without leaving a trace — only a thought how peculiar Jews can be, how they always lack ease and solid roots, how they are always groping for something new, how, in the end, they are thrown together by some magnetic force.

* * *

As soon as we reached Alaska, I grabbed the phone book in our hotel and called a man with a Jewish sounding name. "Yes," he said, "we have religious services here in a private home. But not during the summer. We are only a few Jews. We even have one who comes from Berlin. Why don't you go to see him."

So we went to the centre of town. It was just like in the movies. The streets were dusty and sandy. Men on horseback made their way to town.

We found the man from Berlin in his jewelry store which was just a hole in the wall.

"I will tell you a secret," he said. "Actually, I am not a Jew. My father already married a Gentile. I am married to a Gentile. But I am helping out when they need a 10th man."

At the University of Fairbanks, the flags of many nations are lined up. I examine one after another. I discover the blue and white flag of the State of Israel. All the way up here in Alaska!

I try to fathom the emotions aroused by the sight of this precious piece of cloth.

Thousands of miles from here in the Middle East a tiny nation fights for the right to be left alone. Its legitimacy is contested day after day. Its peaceful efforts are frustrated at every turn. There are enemies gnawing at its foundations.

* * *

We are sightseeing on the island of Majorca. They show their castles and they show their churches. Our guide points to the artwork that distinguishes this magnificent edifice. I look up to the ceiling and see a Magen David on one of the lamps.

It seemed to have been once an eternal light burning in front of the Ark in a synagogue. How did this lamp with the Jewish Star get into the church? Was it a present from the Jewish community? Did they steal it?

It is hard to find a Jew in Tangier. Where is the synagogue? — the question drew a solid blank. The policeman directing the traffic shrugged his shoulders.

In the hotel, they were not sure. We decided to walk through the streets and, a few blocks from our hotel found the synagogue.

It was the time for the evening prayer. A few men were sitting on the entrance steps. The synagogue was empty. But soon they came and there were enough men for a minyan.

I took the prayerbook. Thousands of miles from home Jews were uttering the same prayers.

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Little did he know that soon he would be the victim of a terrible hit-and-run accident.

Near Eugene, Ore., disaster struck. While rounding a curve in the road, a truck appeared from nowhere, in the wrong lane, and forced Stephenson and his motorcycle off the road.

It was 8.15 p.m. Stephenson's battered body lay in the ditch until passersby found him semi-conscious, unable to remember the events leading up to the accident, or even his name.

He was transported by ambulance to Western Lane Hospital, where he was placed in intensive care and treated for a fractured hip, fractured pelvis, a punctured lung, and various internal injuries.

Early the next morning, Stephenson was transferred by ambulance to Sacred Heart General Hospital, for specialized care. He was to spend the next 23 days of his life here. The slow process of learning how to walk again was underway, and Stephenson attended physiotherapy daily.

On Sept. 4, an air ambulance enabled Stephenson to return to Vancouver, to continue treatments near the comfort and security of family and friends, and his own family doctor.

Incurs heavy expenses

Fortunately, Stephenson had purchased a comprehensive health and accident travel plan from Nomad International Travel Protection before leaving home for California.

He knew that his provincial medicare plan would only cover a small portion of his medical bills if he encountered an unexpected accident or illness while outside Canada.

In fact, the British Columbia Health and Hospital Plan only pays $75 per day for medical expenses incurred while outside Canada. Other provincial medicare plans vary as to the amount paid on out of Canada medical expenses.

Stephenson's night in intensive care at Western Lane Hospital was over $1,200 and the daily standard ward rate at Sacred Heart Hoispital was over $500 per day, payable in U.S. funds. Some hospitals in the U.S. charge over $1,000 per day.

Due to the extent of Stephenson's injuries, ambulance costs including the air ambulance to Vancouver, exceeded $3,300 and the hospital confinement was more than $13,000 more than what his provincial medicare plan allowed.

With added costs for physiotherapy, X-rays, laboratory costs, baggage, etc., Nomad paid over $17,000 on Stephenson's behalf, after the British Columbia Health and Hospital Plan paid a small portion.

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Customize your Israel tour

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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"Some groups want to see all the main Israeli landmarks while others want to investigate areas of particular interest. If a group tells us what they want we can arrange a tour for them," says Herb Cyna, president of Discovery Tours.

He says that a group means any number of people from 8 to 300.

Cyna says that for first-timers or those who have not seen Israel properly, the 14-day, 13-night general tour is quite popular.

"Travelers spend seven days in Jerusalem, one day in Haifa, one day on a kibbutz and four days in Tel Aviv. They see everything from the Western Wall in Jerusalem to the night life in Tel Aviv."

Cyna says that a group of senior citizens from Bernard Betel Centre is leaving on a tour to Israel on Nov. 13. "They are visiting a kibbutz and the major cultural centres. The tour is designed specially for senior citizens," says Cyna.

He noted that he has also arranged a tour for a group of young singles aged 20-35. They will spend time at Luna Gal, a water park where they can go on a 3 hour kayak excursion, water ski, wind surf and swim.

They also visit the stalactite caves outside of Jerusalem and an Arab village for a traditional festive meal.

"Each group has their own needs and we try to cater to everyone," emphasized Cyna.

He says that many tourists who suffer with skin conditions, rheumatism or arthritis visit spas at the Dead Sea in order to bathe in the waters. "They spend time at the spa and then we add on some type of tour."

Many experienced Israeli travellers he says prefer to hire a private car and driver who stays with them for the entire trip, so they can follow their own itinerary.

"We book the car and the hotels for them and they arrange their touring around their hotel accommodations."

He adds that tourists can also choose to tour by motor coach or by private car with a set itinerary.

Cyna said that because Israel's inflation rate is so high, the American and Canadian dollar is very strong in Israel. "It is a great time to travel because we get good value for our money."

Discovery Tours to Israel start at $1,799 including airfare, hotel and daily breakfast. For a 13-night program a motor coach tour is an additional $800 and a private car is approximately another $70.

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Washington's attractions make this city a must see

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

WASHINGTON — If you are planning to drive this fall or early winter to the warm southern states, take time to spend a day or two in this capital city.

There is so much to see and there are so many events you can attend, that visiting Washington is becoming a tourist or vacation must.

Every Sunday during October there will be jousting on horseback at the Washington Monument grounds.

Washington's International Horse Show is late in October at the Capital Centre in Landover, Maryland. It is one of the most important horse shows in the U.S.

Step back into history almost 200 years and see on Nov. 9 a review of colonial troops by General George Washington at the Gadsby Tavern, 11 a.m. to noon.

Two days later during Armistice Day Celebrations for end of World War I make a tour of the home of President Woodrow Wilson.

Early in December there will be a children's celebration at the Hirshhorn Museum with musicians, magicians and dancers.

A Hanukkah Festival at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum is slated for Dec. 23.

From mid to late December there is a poinsettia show with more than 3,000 of the plants. During the same period the Corcoran Gallery will hold an open house.

The Vienna Choir Boys will be in Washington on Jan. 12 at the Kennedy Centre Concert Hall at 3 p.m.

Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. will be remembered on his birthday on Jan. 20 with speeches, dances and choral performances throughout the city.

Black History Month starts in early February with many special events.

Go back to the Revolutionary War in mid-February when there will be an encampment with battle skirmishes at Fort Ward Park in Alexandria, Virginia, suburban area.

Mount Vernon, George Washington's home in Alexandria, will be the scene of various events during February, his birthday falling on Feb. 22, being officially observed on Feb. 18.

These are just a few of the many events, and others will be at many museums and cultural centres.

The National Gallery of Art will hold a special showing of British art treasures from Nov. 3 to March 6. The show will be opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

If you are interested in space flights, a new film, The Dream Is Alive, is showing at the Langley Theatre of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, featuring actual footage from the space shuttle voyages made by the astronauts who flew them.

In the National Museum of Natural History, one of the 12 major Smithsonian Museums, the film The Magnificent Voyagers features U.S. explorations from 1838 to 1842.

In the Albert Einstein Planetarium of the Air and Space Museum, Comet Quest will present the myths and facts surrounding comets in connection with the coming visit of Haley's Comet this winter.

There is a full program of opera, musicals, concerts and other cultural entertainment at the Kennedy Centre for Performing Arts.

There are some 70 free attractions in Washington. One of the newest is the Old Executive Office Building next door to the White House. Built in 1888, it houses much of the White House staff and the National Security Council. Free tours started late this summer, by appointment, with guides showing the spectacular hallways, meeting rooms and libraries.

Depending on time available there are some musts you should not miss.

One is the United States Capitol, the legislative building where Congress and Senate meet and enact laws. Free guided tours are available from 9 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Don't miss the Lincoln Memorial — it is awe-inspiring. Here sits a statue of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president, in a temple-like hall.

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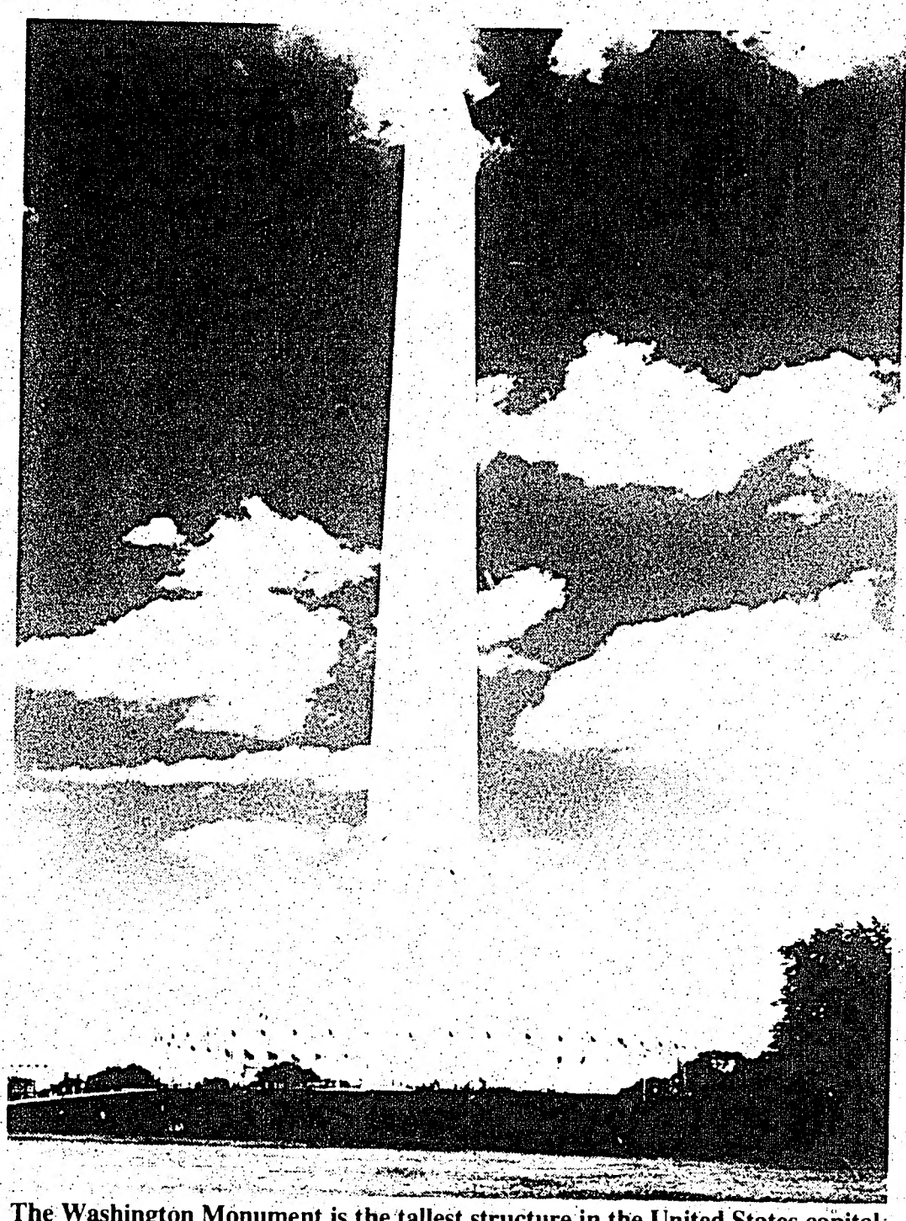

The Washington Monument is the tallest structure in the United States capital, with viewing platform on top.

Rejuvenate your body at Hungarian health spa

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

If you are looking for a vacation that will rejuvenate your body, soothe your ailments and be kind on your pocketbook, try a Hungarian health spa.

Located on rich, natural mineral springs, the spas attract hordes of tourists year-round who seek treatment for such conditions as rheumatism, arthritis and circulatory disturbances, or merely yearn for plain relaxation.

"The springs are used for physiotherapy, electro and mechano treatment as well as relaxation therapy," says Mary Lendway, a travel agent with Apollo Travel.

She adds that all treatments at the deluxe Thermal Hotel on Margaret Island are included in the package price of $1,899 Canadian that includes airfare, land accommodation and three meals daily for three weeks.

"As well as treatments, guests are entitled to unlimited massage, doctor's examinations and consultation with a dietition," Lendway says.

Guests can choose to watch their calories or "eat to their hearts content."

Lendway says that each meal includes a large choice of appetizers, soups, salads and main courses. Guests can choose continental dishes or traditional Hungarian fare.

Kosher meals

She noted that at the Thermal Hotel kosher meals are available at breakfast and dinner at the slightly higher price of $2,129 Canadian.

Lendway explained that the hotel on Margaret Island is in the middle of the Danube. "It is surrounded by quiet, beautiful gardens and walkways, so guests feel far removed from the bustling city."

She added, however, that Budapest is just across the Danube, so those seeking some night life can go to concerts, operas or shows.

"There is really something for everyone," says Lendway.

She says that because Budapest has so much to offer, guests of the Thermal Hotel find plenty to do even in the winter. "Winters are a bit milder than in Toronto but they are winters."

Because Budapest attracts many tourists in the summer, a large number of spa guests choose to travel from September to April when things are quieter.

Lendway says that there are several other spas in Hungary, but most are at least a 2-hour drive from Budapest and are "pretty much isolated."

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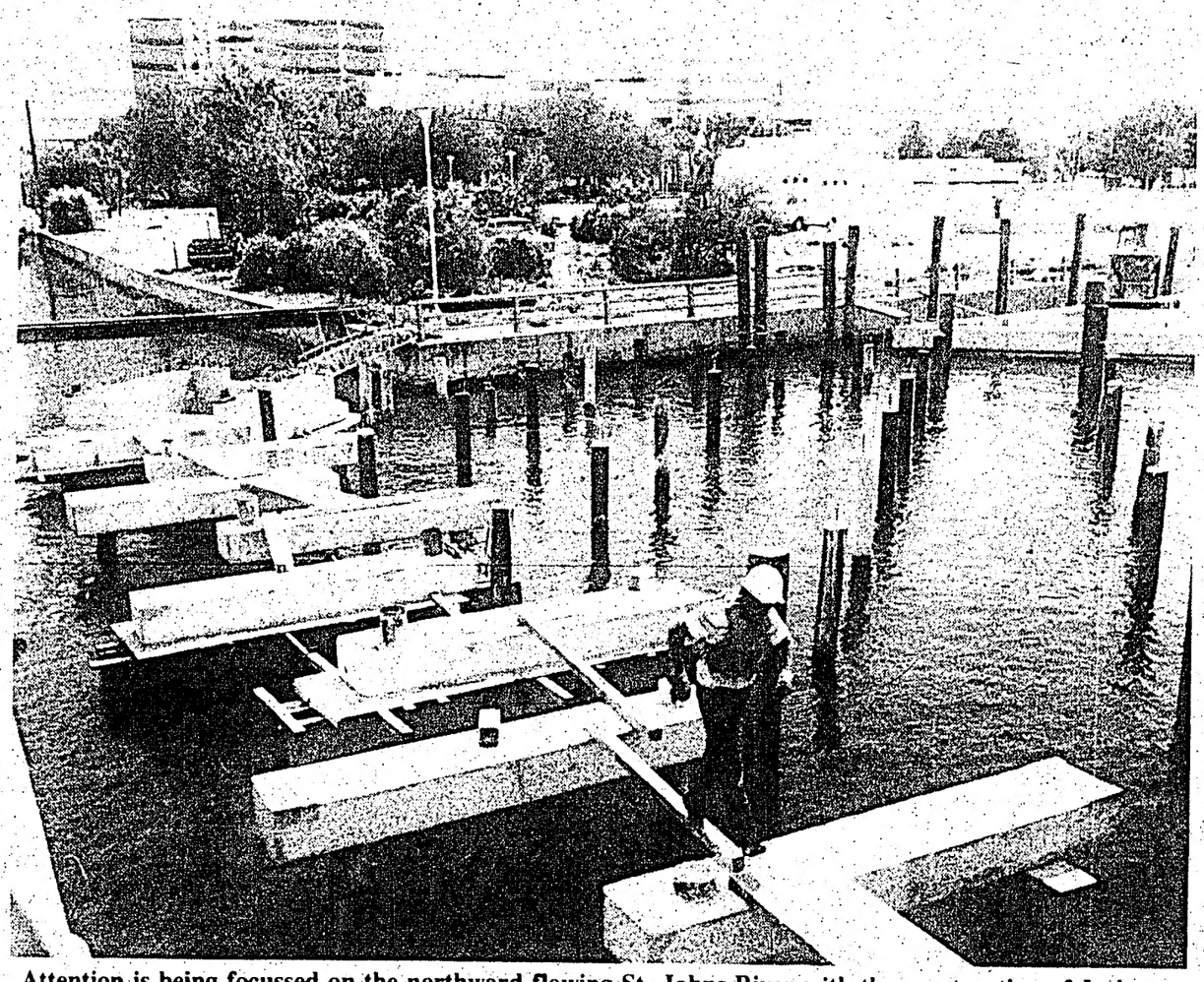

Attention is being focussed on the northward flowing St. Johns River with the construction of Jacksonville's new Riverwalk. [Michael Mead photo]

Airport plans expansion

Florida's First Coast tries to lure tourists

By LILLIAM MORSE

TALLAHASSEE — Northeast Florida, the state's historic cornerstone, is seeking to attract those Florida visitors who may bypass it en route to destinations farther south.

The area has adopted a nickname, Florida's First Coast, as its theme because of its status as being the first tourist destination in Florida.

Its efforts to refurbish and enhance its regional attractions are evident.

The Jacksonville International airport has experienced a tremendous increase in traffic, and plans are underway to expand its facilities. Dick Smith, Manager of the Airport, says a new commuter gate will be operating by late 1985. Immediate plans call for expanding the parking area.

The Jacksonville airport now is served by American, Delta, Eastern, Ozark, People Express Piedmont, Southern Express, Trans-Air, TWA and PBA which has expanded its flight service in and out of Jacksonville.

Boaters will enjoy cruising on the St. Johns River by the new Jacksonville Riverwalk. Docking facilities give boaters access to the new Metropolitan Park, featuring a magnificent outdoor amphitheater, boutiques and concessions.

On the way to or from the Riverwalk, boaters may stop by the refurbished Jacksonville Beach Marina on the Intracoastal Waterway. Saltwater fishing is only one of the activities available in the area.

Jacksonville Beach itself continues its efforts of restoring the downtown area near the beach pier. An example is Casa Marina, a fully restored "country inn" establishment, originally built in the early 1900s.

Oceanside hotels have undergone massive facelifts inside and outside the properties, offering visitors a much neater and attractive choice of accommodations.

Just south of Jacksonville Beach, Sawgrass Resort — site of the prestigious Tournament Players golf championship — has added nine new holes to its golf course.

The exclusive resort also features facilities for fishing and tennis, and recently completed a $15-million shopping complex called Sawgrass Village that is a lavishly landscaped waterfront esplanade of unique boutiques and gift shops.

Nearby, the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club is conducting a $2-million improvement plan on its Surf Club oceanside restaurant. More ocean-view seating and increased patio dining areas are included in the program.

Farther south is St. Augustine, the nation's Ancient City, where visitors step back in time in the extensive restoration district that is preserving Spanish and British Colonial period architecture.

Costumed artisans ply colonial trades and crafts and may be viewed during walking tours. Visitors are having an easier time exploring St. Augustine now that its new Visitor Information Center has been completed.

A large reception centre displays brochures and maps, and a small theatre presents a short film that can be viewed for a small fee.

New accommodation options reflect the city's historical charm. Restored historic structures are leading new lives as cozy bed 'n breakfast guest houses.

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Overseas travel down

Economy takes its toll on Israelis taking vacations

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS
JERUSALEM —

Israeli beach resorts have been crowded over the last two months, primarily with Israelis.

You could tell by the legends on their sunhats — purchased in Venice or Athens, London or New York — where they had spent previous summers. This summer, however, taxes averaging $400-$500 a ticket and lower take-home pay combined to restrain their wanderlust. The result: a 40% drop in overseas vacations.

The Red Sea resort of Eilat has been a special beneficiary of this phenomenon. For even though it can be hellishly hot during the summer, with temperatures often reaching up to 45 degrees centigrade, the town attracts Israelis because, as one Tel Avivian put it to me, "it's the farthest we can go without paying travel tax."

Eilat also offers another "overseas attraction," namely beaches overflowing with shapely young ladies who are topless and virtually bottomless as well.

Similar scenic attractions were supposed to be available at the newly opened Hawaii Beach on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee.

At least that is what the developers wanted the public to believe, for they ran a series of full-page ads showing girls at Hawaii Beach who had little more than a few garlands of flowers to obscure their natural attributes.

Yet when keen-eyed vacationers arrived at the beach they found girls who were less generously endowed and more fully clothed than they had been led to believe.

Other ads aimed at bringing vacationers to the Sea of Galilee were more accurate. As promised, visitors — of whom there were some 100,000 every summer weekend — could not only enjoy bathing at well-kept beaches, but also tour both alligator and ostrich farms.

Moreover, if they wanted to be participants as well as spectators, they could go to one of several water parks where steep, twisting slides carried them careening down into waiting pools at breakneck speed.

Shapely young ladies attraction at Eilat

These parks, unlike many of Israel's veteran recreational facilities, are clean and orderly almost to the same extent as Disneyland or Disney World.

And like their overseas counterparts, they offer visitors hot dogs, hamburgers and other standard American fast foods. What they don't have for some reason are typical Israeli falafel standards.

Many of the installations at the Sea of Galilee are run by kibbutzim, which have found that operating water parks, riding schools and guest houses is more profitable than growing oranges or manufacturing irrigation equipment.

For example, Nahaholim, a seashore kibbutz south of Haifa, earns about $800,000 a year, some 20% of its total income, by running a small guest house.

Many vacationers prefer it to the nearby and more luxurious hotels because the kibbutzniks make them feel at home, more than making up in warmth what they lack in chrome.

But there is one major problem for Israelis vacationing in Israel, no matter how pleasant the resort; they find it almost impossible to turn off, to shut out the pressing problems of life in this country.

Thus even though my family and I stopped listening to news broadcasts and reading newspapers during our recent seaside vacation, we couldn't help hearing the news on the radio of our neighbors along the beach, or avoid glancing at the headlines of the dailies they were persuing.

Finally, there was the bicycle incident. It began when my wife noted that two young, rather handsome men standing next to her were speaking Arabic.

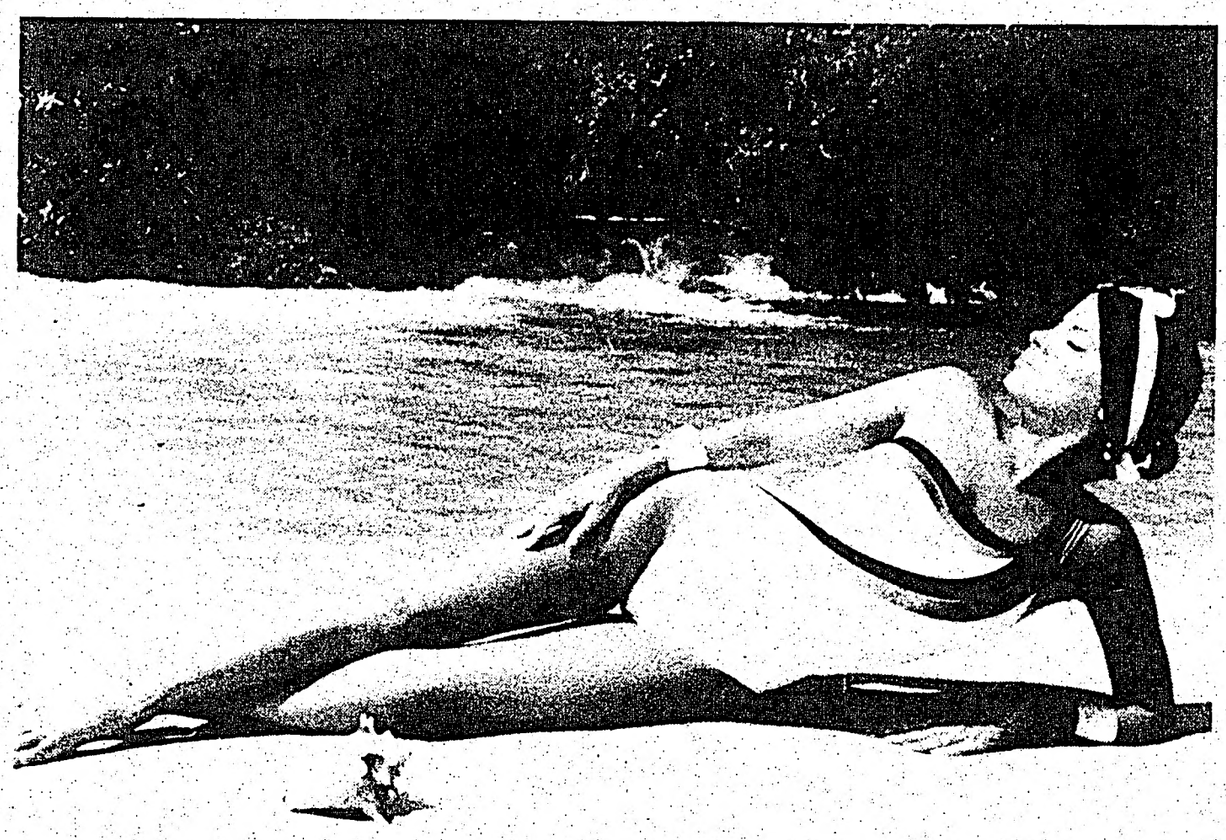
Then she went in for a swim and when she returned she saw that they had departed, leaving behind a bicycle and a large basket, the contents of which were covered by a blanket.

They seemed like nice fellows, but perhaps they weren't. After waiting for a couple of minutes to see whether they would return, she walked over to the lifeguard and asked him to investigate the matter.

This necessitated clearing everyone out of the area and having the bicycle checked by a police demolition expert.

However, before the policeman could be called, the two boys came back, having apparently gone for a snack.

My wife felt silly for suspecting them. Yet in a country where bicycles and shopping baskets have frequently been used as bombs and booby traps, Israelis must treat such apparently harmless objects with suspicion, even when they are on vacation.



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Urban renewal changes face

Baltimore's inner core goes from seedy to stylish

By HAROLD JACOBSON

BALTIMORE —

The city of Baltimore is involved in the reclaiming of numerous tracts of land in what was once the delapidated inner core.

Urban renewal projects resulted several years ago in the redefinition of the city's inner harbor area. What was once a seedy and uncongenial part of Baltimore has now become one of the most attractive vistas in the city.

The reconstruction of the harbor area, which is now resplendent in multi-purpose buildings and recreational facilities, has had an added benefit — the reclamation of some of Baltimore's oldest Jewish habitations.

Within a 15-minute walk from Hyatt Regency Hotel, Baltimore's most spectacular hostelry (whose outdoor elevators provide panoramic views of the harbor area) visitors to the city can see what was once the heart of the old Jewish neighborhood.

Lombard St. E. as well as Baltimore St. E. were once the Baltimore equivalents of the lower east side in New York City.

A half century ago the streets in question housed the bulk of Baltimore's Jewish population and there one found the religious, social and business life of the community.

Today the Jewish population of the city has migrated north. The majority of the city's 80,000 Jewish residents live in Pikesville on both sides of the famous Reisterstown Rd.

In the mid 19th century, however, the much smaller Jewish enclave filled the inner city harbor sections. There the community built its synagogues and communal institutions.

The oldest synagogue in Maryland and the third oldest in the United States was part of that construction pattern.

Today the Lloyd St. synagogue with its impressive Doric columns, has been partially restored.

It has been turned into a museum under the auspieces of the Baltimore Jewish historical society.

Founded in 1845, the synagogue contains exhibits relating to its own history and to the history of Baltimore Jewry.

The Lloyd St. synagogue complex also contains a soon to be opened Holocaust memorial building and monument. The complex will house various other exhibits on Maryland Jewish life.

It should not be thought that Jewish life is only of the antiquarian variety in the city's inner core. Right next to the Lloyd St. synagogue stands the B'nai Israel congregation, an institution very much of the present.

It was founded a short time after the Lloyd St. institution because of synagogue politics.

A group of congregants, unhappy with the introduction of a mixed choir, left to form another synagogue on the same street.

The B'nai Israel synagogue, which is in the process of renovation, is an example of 19th century synagogue architecture at its best.

Those involved in its restoration have taken painstaking care to reproduce the dignity and beauty of the original structure — which contains one of the most striking Torah arks found anywhere in North America.

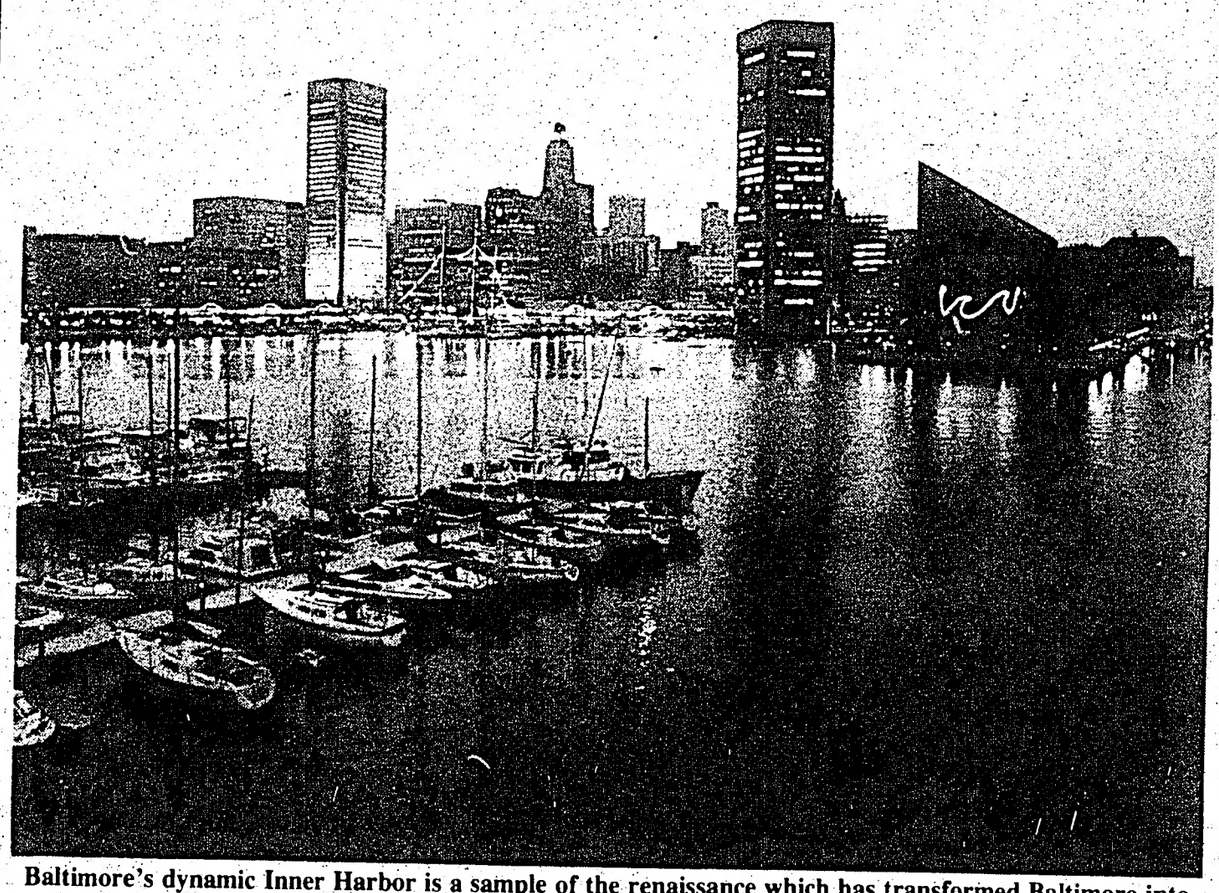
The synagogue's best feature is that after more than a 100 years it is still functioning on the sabbath and Jewish holidays.

While there is a women's gallery the small attendance has made it impractical to use; the women worshippers are now separated by a mechitzah on the main floor.

Work on restoration is still going on. For the first time in history a telephone has been installed in the buildings.

The vestry rooms and chapel, located in the lower floor area, shows the ravages of time.

A synagogue officer pointed out to this writer a concave surface on the wooden floor where the wood had been worn away by the shuffling of worshippers for more than a century.



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By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

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Dr. George Connell, president of the University of Toronto, used those words last week at a press conference to pay tribute to the latest community endowment named after Murray B. Koffler, chairman of Shoppers Drug Mart Limited.

He was referring to the $6 million Koffler Institute of Pharmacy Management, the first of its kind in North America, which will be established next year on Spadina Circle at the University of Toronto.

It will achieve "a new look for pharmacy education," he said, in the sense that it will provide business administration day and night courses to the 15,000 graduates and 2,000 undergraduates of Canada's eight pharmacy colleges.

Connell announced the beginning of a 6-month campaign to raise 50% of the total $6 million funds needed from the pharmaceutical industry. An equivalent contribution will be made by the university from other sources.

David R. Bloom, president of Shoppers Drug Mart, who is spearheading the industry-wide campaign, said that his committee had already raised more than $1.5 million.

Koffler himself had kicked off the campaign with a personal contribution of $500,000.

Imasco Limited, the Montreal-based parent organization of Shoppers Drug Mart, has pledged $150,000. Other generous pledges had come from such companies as Proctor & Gamble, Johnson & Johnson, Faberge, Drug Trading and Novopharm.

Bloom said he was certain his committee would hand over a $3 million check to the university on Feb. 24 in 1986.

A blacktie "bang-up affair" is planned for that evening at the Hilton Harbor Castle Hotel, which will be attended, he said, by 2,200 of Koffler's "closest friends and colleagues."

With Lorne Greene serving as host, the dinner will cap the illustrious career of 61-year-old Koffler, who is stepping down from the chairmanship of Shoppers Drug Mart.

The occasion will also mark the 25th anniversary of his founding of the self-serve pharmacy supermarket chain which revolutionized the industry and has grown into a 425-store North American empire grossing $1.6 billion.

Punning gracefully, Koffler told reporters he was glad to see the fund raising campaign headed by Bloom "blooming so nicely," and heralded it as "another exciting adventure designed to bridge the university with the community and with our industry."

Koffler was recently the chief benefactor responsible for converting the formerly dilapidated Metro Reference Library on College St. at St. George into the $8.7 million Koffler Student Services Centre, serving the university's population of 40,000 students plus staff members.

Other recipients of Koffler largesse bearing his name include the Koffler Centre of the Arts in Toronto's Jewish Community Centre, the Koffler Ambulatory Care Centre at Mount Sinai Hospital and the Koffler Accelerator Tower at the Canada Centre of Nuclear Physics in Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science.

Committee executive helping raise funds for the new Koffler Institute include Donald Carr, senior partner of the Goodman and Carr legal firm; Isadore Sharp, chairman, Four Seasons Hotels Ltd.; George Cohon, president, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada; Paul Pare, chairman, Imasco Limited; Edmond Creed, chairman, Creed's Ltd.; Richard Goldstein, president, Lever Bros.

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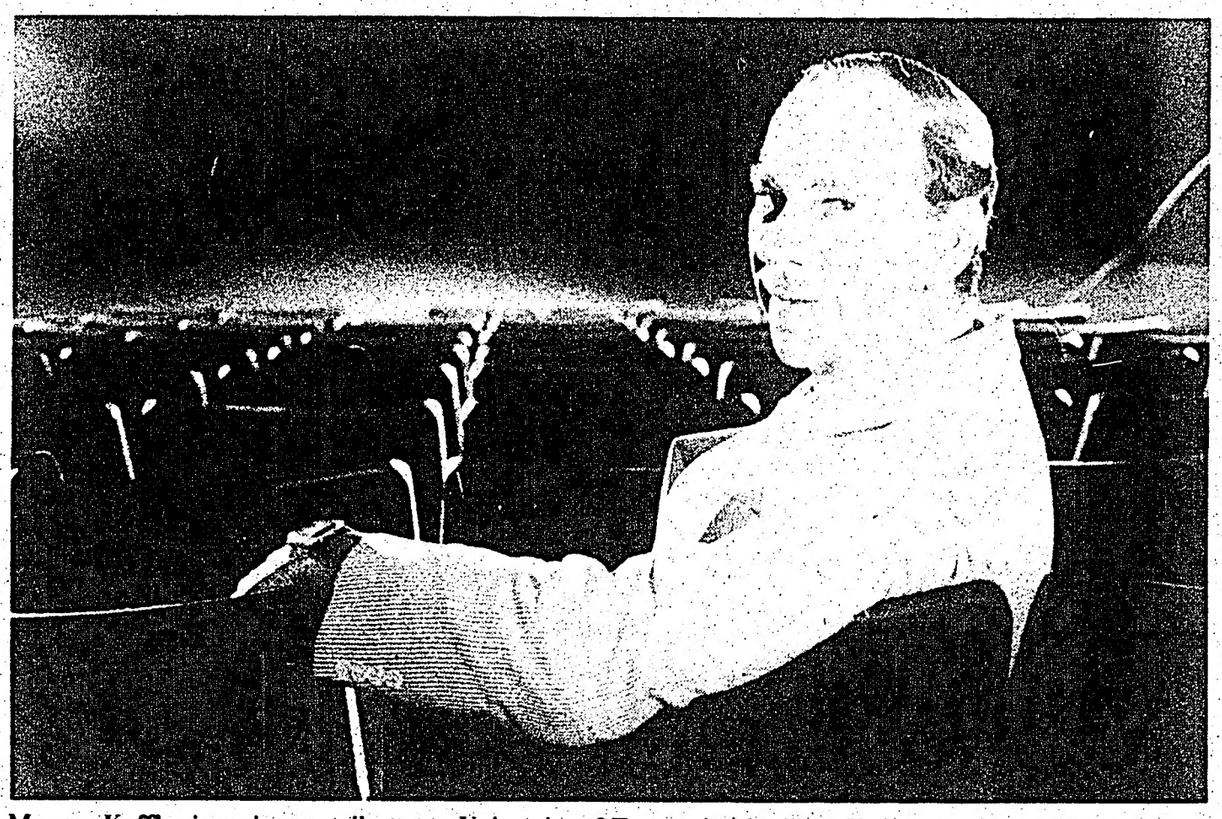

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CJC political liaison group gains permanence

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region last week moved to establish its political liaison committee as a full standing committee of Congress.

The move assures the permanence of the committee, CJC Ontario chairman Les Scheininger told The CJN.

The political liaison group was established in April, 1984 as a pilot project to create a dialogue with provincial and federal members of Parliament, committee spokesman Eric Slavens told the meeting.

The groups, he said, met with candidates in the most recent federal and provincial elections and brought to their attention issues of concern to Jews, including hate propaganda, the situation faced by Soviet Jews and Holocaust education.

The committee is also planning a reception for provincial MPPs on Oct. 30, to meet with leaders from the Jewish community, and "become familiar with our concerns," Slavens said.

In her report to the monthly meeting, Wendy Litwack, co-chairwoman of the Soviet Jewry committee of CJC, made an impassioned plea for a full turn-out at the upcoming Simchat Torah rally on behalf of Soviet Jews.

She told the meeting the rally, scheduled to begin at 12 noon on Sunday, Oct. 6, at the north branch of the Jewish Community Centre, comes at an opportune time.

With U.S. President Ronald Reagan about to meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the time is ripe to show both leaders the solidarity Jews have with their brethren trapped in the Soviet Union, she said.

A similar rally will be held in The Hague, Netherlands, she added, at which up to 10,000 people are expected.

"Can't we do at least the same?" she asked.

Earlier in the meeting, Rabbi Irwin Witty, head of the Board of Jewish Education, described the situation of Jews in South Africa, based on observations made during his recent trip there.

Recent unrest there is not aimed at Jews per se, he told the meeting, but insofar as Jews are white, Black hostility is directed against them too.

Based on his discussions with members of the Jewish community there, Witty proffered two scenarios for the future of South African Jews.

The first, he said, has been adopted among many Lubavitchers, who are a "strong, visible and articulate group" centred in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

They say " 'You have to stay put...Jews will remain in South Africa until the Messiah comes.' "

Those who take that position argue an accomodation will be made with Blacks and life will, more or less, return to normal, Witty said.

A second scenario sees a 50% drop in the Jewish population of 119,000 by the year 2000, though some see the drastic emigration taking place within five years, Witty said.

Turning to the recent unrest, Witty said the problems are much more complex than appears in the surface, with conflicts between Black groups simmering while the predominant Black/white receives most of the world attention.

"High profile"

The Jewish community, he said, is a "marvelously vibrant and organized entity," and Witty said he was "amazed" at the beauty of some synagogues there.

Jewish education is a high priority among South African Jews, Witty said, with branches of King David Schools and Torah academies located in major centres — Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban, Pretoria and Johannesburg.

Jews have a "high profile" in South African politics, the arts, economics and other fields, he continued. The Jewish Board of Deputies, the equivalent to CJC, recently called on the government to consider dismantling apartheid. South Africa's system of racial segregation and oppression, he reported.

(According to CJC national director Jack Silverstone, the CJC national executive recently adopted the resolution passed at last month's Commonwealth Jewish Council Conference in Ottawa. At that meeting, the Council called for "all races in South Africa (to) enter into negotiations leading to a peaceful solution to its problems.")

In other business, Murray Segal briefed the meeting on an Ontario Court of Appeal case which will deal with the question of government funding for Catholic schools.

He said the hearings could last for weeks and will likely be appealed to the Supreme Court.

The chances for success in the case are, at present, "impossible to assess," he stated.

In other business, Mideast history professor Yosef Olmert, visiting York University on behalf of the Canada-Israel Foundation for Cultural Exchange, stated sources in the U.S. administration and in Israel have a "growing concern" that a war with Syria is less than three years away.

In a brief though wide-ranging assessment of the current Mideast situation, Olmert said "Syria wants war with Israel" because she "categorically rejects the political option," and wishes to extend Syrian hegemony over Lebanon and "Palestine" in a Greater Syria.

As a result of Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon, Syria now believes it stood up militarily to Israel during the 1982 war. Since then, Syrian forces have grown by 50% and for the first time ever, Syria has the same size army as Israel and poses "a major threat" to its security.

Unlike the post Yom Kippur War situation with Egypt, Israel failed to convince Syria in 1982 that the military option was unrealistic, he said.

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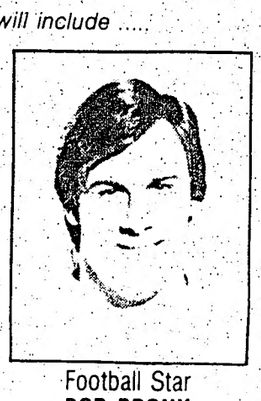
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Jewish women look back on Nairobi meet with pride

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"It was a victory. It was the first time in our history that we stood up. The women did it," says Evelyn Sommer, the co-chairperson of the Jewish women's caucus at the United Nations Decade of Women Conference in Nairobi.

"We cannot be silent witnesses anymore. For as long as David sang his song, we were invincible. And as long as we sing our song, we are invincible."

Sommer, who headed the 400 Jewish women at the conference with Leila Sigal from Geneva, the president of the International Council of Jewish Women, spoke recently to the newly formed Business and Professional Women's Group of Toronto Women's ORT at The McGill Club. She presented a moving analysis of the tension-filled 3-week conference in Nairobi.

Dorothy Shoichet, the head of the world ORT delegation at Nairobi and a past national president of ORT, introduced Sommer saying that she will emerge as "one of the heroines of our times."

Shoichet spoke about the workshop she presented at the Forum in Nairobi entitled ORT's Experience in Teaching Technology to African Women.

"The Nairobi conference made me realize that until now, anti-semitism was cerabral," she said. "But at Nairobi, it got under my skin and into my bloodstream."

Sommer, who has been an official Zionist lobbyist at the United Nations for 25 years, and who is presently the president of American WIZO, says the Nairobi conference was born at the United Nations which she describes as "a major anti-semitic machine."

She says that many people say, "Who cares what goes on there," or they question whether anyone reads the reports from the United Nations.

"But it is very dangerous because the material goes to many sources such as non-governmental organizations, universities and the media."

The attractive 46-year-old activist, was born in an agricultural colony in northern Argentina and went to New York to study at Columbia University. She majored in Latin American studies and later became the director of the Latin American department of the Jewish Agency in New York. She is still associated with the Jewish Agency.

"We are supporting and maintaining an international anti-semitic machine," Sommer says. After the 1975 Mexico City conference and the one in Copenhagen in 1980, history recorded that the conferences had nothing to do with women. Rather, it was Zionism is racism that was born — out of pervasive anti-semitism."

She says that at the conference "we learned that there is nothing more brutal than indoctrinated women. I can work with ambassadors from almost all the countries — but not with these women."

Of the 14,000 women at the Nairobi conference, from 156 countries, Sommer estimates that there were "about 500 anti-semitic female soldiers." The rest came to fight poverty — to help women.

Speaking of the women who had come to disrupt the conference, she said, "Our enemies came very well prepared. As an example, the Iranian women, who were guarded and guided by males, were brutal anti-semites. They passed out grotesque pamphlets with titles such as, How Jews Cook Non-Jewish Children. And there were many posters of alleged Israeli atrocities.

"They were well-trained and they could take over a workshop. We came with compassion and goodwill, and they presented diatribes and then they would leave. They disrupted sessions and didn't stay to dialogue."

But Sommer told her attentive audience, "There was encouraging support for us at Nairobi. Although the Soviets and other groups decided to continue the Middle East battle at Nairobi, we received support, as we have in the past, from the Danish delegation."

She noted that the Egyptian and Mexican groups, as well as their Kenyan hosts and many representatives from Black Africa, tried to stop the disruptions by the Palestinians, Syrians, Libyans and others.

"Many of the Africans who helped us were graduates of Israeli schools and training programs. Some had benefited from ORT's schools which are in 22 countries. This group is called the Shalom Group, and they were supportive."

Shoichet said that many non-Jewish Black Africans remarked that they couldn't understand why a Jewish organization like ORT helped them without "a hook."

Both Shoichet and Sommer commended Canada and the United States for their positive role at the conference. Shoichet says, "They were instrumental in bringing about a change in paragraph 95 of Forward Looking Strategies.

"During the intense negotiations and only after many hours of aggressive lobbying, a compromise was reached. The word Zionism was dropped "and all other forms of racism" was added."

"It was a victory. Only 97 voted against us which is far better than in the past. We broke 100," Sommers said jokingly to the more than 50 women present, who ranged in age from 25 to 60 with most in their mid-30s.

Sonia Shron, the chairperson of ORT's business and professional group explained that the group was formed six months ago for women in the downtown area. Their meetings are held regularly at the McGill Club.

There was a lively exchange of ideas during the question period. The members of the audience questioned the speakers on women's issues, the value of such UN conferences, and asked what they could do to improve the situation.

In response, Sommer and Shoichet said education of young people must be stressed. Sommer said that it is also important to be active in groups like ORT and WIZO "so they can make an international statement on our behalf. We must be proud Zionists first — then we can influence others."

Evelyn Sommer (left) and Dorothy Shoichet at the ORT Business and Professional Women's Group.

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Heartbreaking stories told at Centre's opening

By
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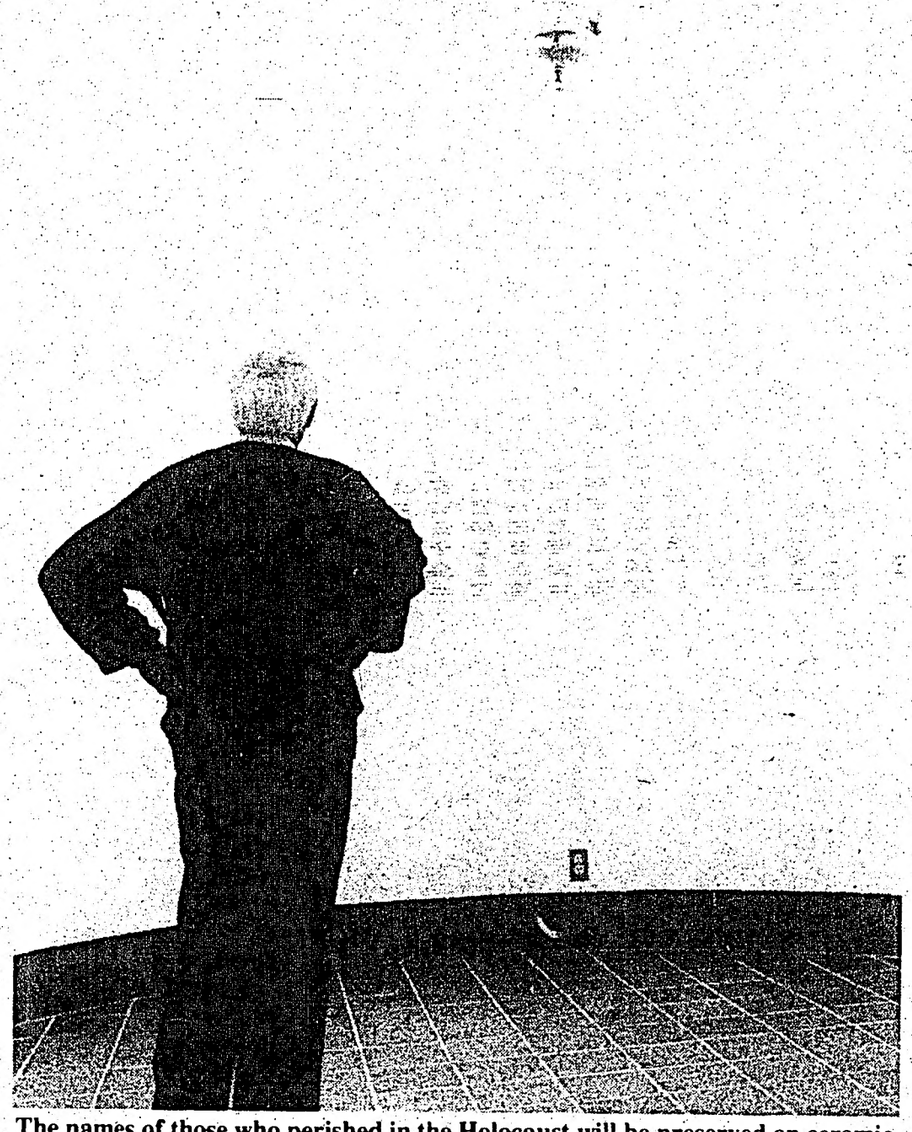

The names of those who perished in the Holocaust will be preserved on ceramic tiles in the Hall of Memories, at present only partially completed. [Graphic Artists photo]

Ontario Premier David Peterson and Gerda Frieberg unveil the bronze doors of the Holocaust Memorial and Education Centre.

TORONTO — Toronto's first Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre was dedicated at the Lipa Green Building last week as a testament to those who perished in Hitler's inferno and a facility to teach future generations of the horrors of the past.

Ontario Premier David Peterson, federal and municipal politicians and members of the Jewish community were on hand for a tour of the centre and an emotion-filled program which included heartbreaking personal recollections from survivors of the Holocaust.

Many of the 300 invited guests were moved to tears as first Mira Koschitzky, the program chairman, and Gerda Frieberg, a moving force behind the Centre, described the loss of friends and family in Hitler's Europe.

Frieberg, chairman of the Holocaust Memorial subcommittee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, recounted her 2½-year involvement in the project, which included many early disappointments.

But she was spurred on by a personal committment — a promise she made to her friend Pepi Schiewitz while the two were inmates of a Sudetenland concentration camp in 1942.

As two young girls, they frequently shared their thoughts and hopes for the future. Then one day a transport ferrying new inmates entered the camp and Pepi learned that her family and hometown had been liquidated.

"She turned to me and said 'You must make me a promise. You must do everything in your power to stay alive...and tell the story of our suffering. The whole world must know and never, never forget what happened.' "

The next morning, Frieberg recounted, her voice breaking and fighting back tears, Pepi committed suicide.

"A 15-year-old child was robbed of her dreams, her childhood. She lost everything...but most of all she lost her reason for living."

But in the Memorial Centre, Frieberg continued, "the story is being told...it must never be forgotten."

Touching on the theme of recalling the Holocaust, Peterson stated community leaders are obliged to speak out and make sure the lessons of the Holocaust are remembered.

The Centre, he said, will teach children the horrors of the past to help prevent similar tragedies in the future.

"If we forget the horrors that befell 6 million human beings, then what can we be counted on to remember?" he asked.

Later in the program, Ontario cabinet ministers Elinor Caplan and Monte Kwinter, presented to Frieberg and Ronald Appleby, president of Toronto Jewish Congress, a check for $217,256 on behalf of the Ontario minister of culture.

The check accounts for a substantial portion of the estimated $1 million cost of the project, said Julius Deutsch, a spokesman for the Centre. Although approximately $700,000 of the $1 million cost has been raised, a further $100-$150,000 per year will likely be needed to meet operating costs, he added.

Situated on the fourth floor of the Lipa Green Building at 4600 Bathurst St., the newly-opened Centre contains a photographic display of the vibrant Jewish culture prior to the Holocaust.

On one Centre wall are dozens of photos of Jews who made significant contributions to European history, including French Premier Leon Blum, political theoretician Karl Marx and German foreign minister Walter Rathenau.

Further inside the Centre is a spacious area where specially commissioned music by Srul Irving Glick plays as slides depict "images of the Holocaust."

Future audio-visual educational presentations will include a documentary film, narrated by Lorne Green, tracing the history of Nazism from its early days until the Nuremberg war crime trials.

Nearby are display cases containing artifacts of the Holocaust, including deportation orders, the familiar yellow star of David and a work identification card from an inmate of Westerbork transit camp in Holland.

Sitting alone in a glass case is part of a Torah scroll, partially burned on Crystal Night, November, 1938. The scroll was saved from total destruction by a priest who hid it for the duration of the war, Frieberg told Peterson.

After the U.S. army entered Germany, the priest turned it over to the U.S. army. That's how it came into the possession of Rabbi Gunther Plaut, a U.S. army chaplain at the time. He in turn donated it to the Centre.

Further into the Centre are panels presenting a historical record of the events of the Holocaust, (eventually to be reduced and made into handouts for visiting school children), while, in a circular room lit by sunlight, is the Hall of Memories.

Plans are to cover the walls with ceramic tiles containing names of victims of the Holocaust, Frieberg said.

Les Scheininger, chairman of CJC, Ontario Region, told the invited dignitaries and donors to the Centre that every one of the murdered 6 million was more than just a nameless statistic — they were individuals who laughed and cried like us.

He said it was significant that the Centre was dedicated during the holiest week of the Jewish calendar, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and that it is housed in the Lipa Green Building, the "focal point of Jewish communal life in Toronto."

Mel Lastman, the mayor of North York, told the invited guests it was fitting that the Centre be located in North York, since more survivors live there than anywhere else in Canada.

The Centre is opening none too soon, he stated, referring to "a so-called teacher — (Jim) Keegstra — who taught innocent children to hate Jews" while "from the sewers of Toronto crept (Ernst) Zundel" who called the Holocaust a hoax.

Willowdale Conservative MP John Oostrom called the Centre a "permanent reminder of man's inhumanity to man" while Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton said the most important function of the Centre was to teach future generations about the Holocaust "so it will never happen again."

Nathan Leipciger, chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Ontario CJC, recounted the genesis of the Centre from its origins four years ago. He said the Centre must function not just as a memorial, but also as an educational facility for students to teach them of the enormity of the Holocaust.

Guest speaker Dr. Yitzhak Arad, chairman of the board of Yad Vashem and a former Israeli army general, recalled that following the Allied victory over the Nazis, many felt anti-semitism would disappear.

But anti-semitism still exists, he said, especially in Communist countries and even in Canada where those who deny the Holocaust are attempting to whitewash the Hitler regime and pave the way for a Nazi revival.

David Smuschkowitz, who along with Jack Israeli donated $125,000 for the Centre, thanked Arad for his presence at the dedication.

The ceremony was kicked off with the placing of a mezuzah on the outside door of the Centre by Wilf Posluns and another on the door to the Hall of Memories by Leipciger.

Cantor Louis Danto of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue sang a special prayer for the victims of the Holocaust and closed the program by leading the guests in the Partisan Song.

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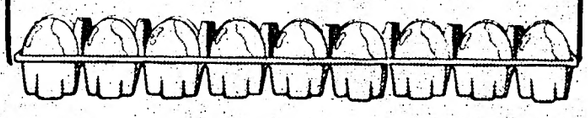

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Berman Fund issues new grants and guidelines

TORONTO —

The Berman Fund, a $1.25 million endowment established by Torontonians Joe and Helen Berman with the stipulation that both capital and interest must be distributed within 50 years, has made the latest of its grants to be administered under the aegis of the Bequest and Endowment Fund of Toronto Jewish Congress.

According to Irwin H. Gold, consultant to the Bequest and Endowment Fund, these grants include $10,000 to the sponsoring organization of the Elm Ridge Group Home for the Aged; $5,000 to fund a research project on the Jewish poor of Toronto, to be jointly conducted by Toronto Jewish Congress and the Jewish Family & Child Service; and $8,100 for the first of a 2-year demonstration project of a Jewish telephone distress program, called Tel-Aide, under auspices of the Jewish Information Service.

Gold notes that in the case of the Elm Ridge home, which will open soon, the Berman grant will be utilized to cover portions of the facility's start-up costs.

The research project, he says, will develop a profile of Toronto's Jewish poor, and also serve to analyze the best means of providing necessary services to this group through JF&CS.

Another earlier Berman-funded project was designed to foster a suitable environment for Jewish singles to meet locally.

In outlining criteria and policies used in determining funding from the Berman endowment, Gold lists a number of guidelines beginning with a special advisory committee which screens and considers grant requests submitted to the Bequest and Endowment Fund. Committee Chairman is Ed Waitzer; committee members include Joe Berman, Michelle Brown, Madeleine Epstein and Martin Goldberg.

Gold states that "it is crucial that funded projects of the Berman endowment be meritorious within the framework of the Toronto Jewish community, and be open to the Jewish community in general."

He says projects should be "innovative with clearly defined objectives and evaluation criteria." A significant commitment of volunteers and resources is preferred.

The fund is prepared to assist new undertakings which present higher risks than those typically supported by traditional funding sources.

According to Gold, qualified projects will be supported for a 1- to 3-year period, with the second and third years of the term based on demonstrated performance. The maximum annual support for a single project is $25,00 for community-oriented projects. A total of $10,000 per annum is available for individual projects "of exceptional nature."

In specifying application procedures, Gold cautions that the advisory committee of the Berman Fund meets quarterly to review applications submitted in the previous quarter; accordingly, applications may not be dealt with for up to six months.

The fund does not require applicants to complete a standard application form. Submissions, however, should be in the form of a written proposal and should contain a brief description of the project's history, objectives and activities, and organizational structure and resources.

The description of the purpose for which the grant is requested should identify the aims of the project and procedures to be used in achieving its goals, the staff and financial resources required, and — where applicable — a plan to measure progress and ultimate project results.

Gold says advisory committee is prepared to provide an individual or group with a limited sum to prepare a proposal for submission for a grant.

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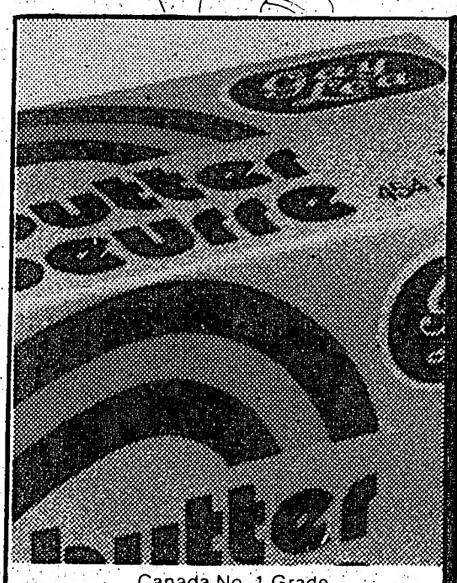

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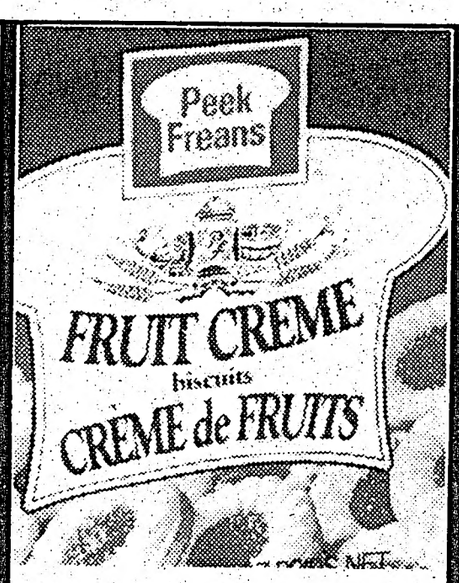

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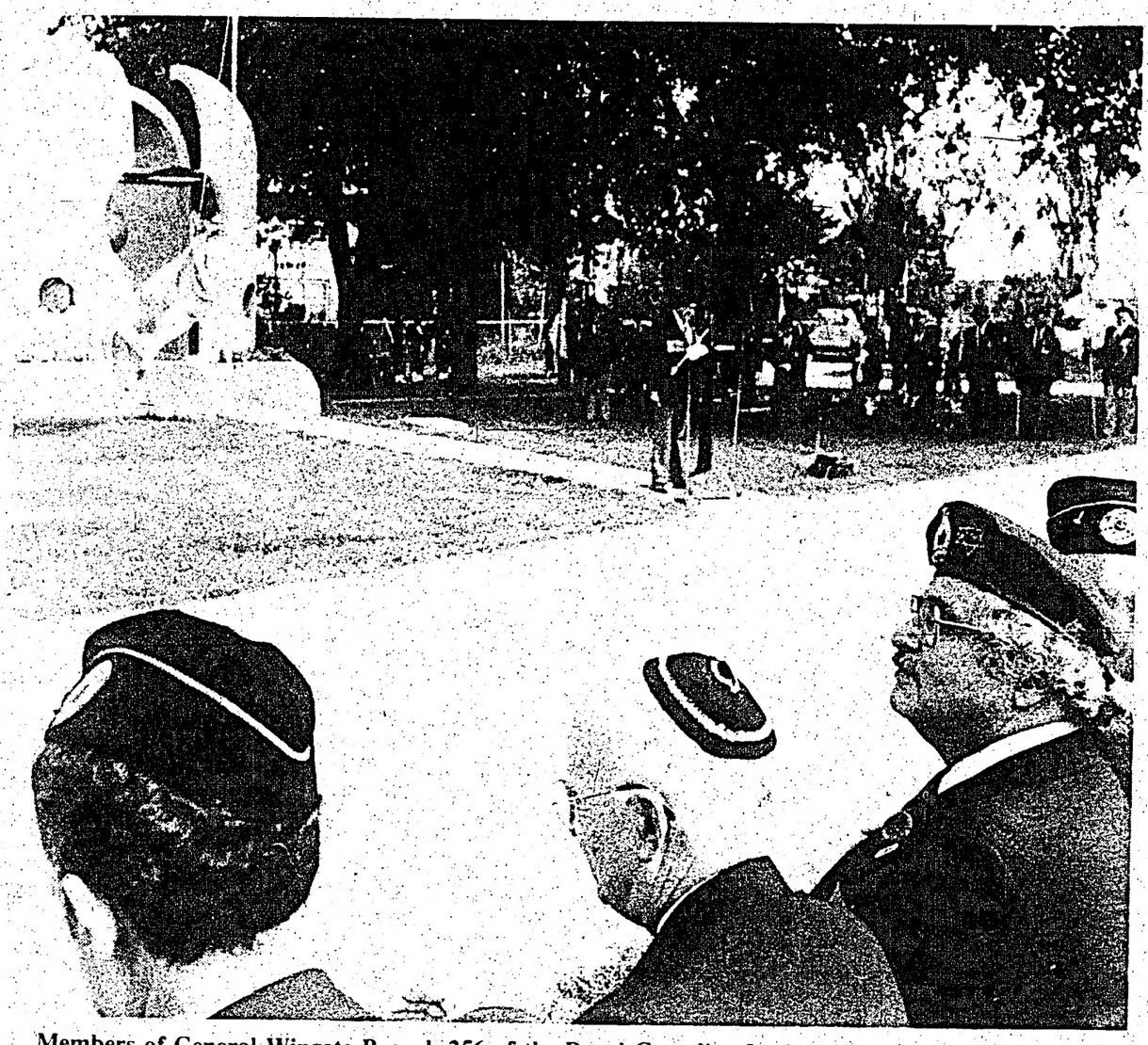

Members of General Wingate Branch 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion hold memorial service.

Legion memorial services

Monson: Tell and retell

By
STEVEN YUDIN

TORONTO —

Both the story of the Holocaust and Canada's role in the World War II must be "told and retold" said Rabbi David Monson at recent memorial services conducted by the General Wingate Branch 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Monson, who has been branch chaplain since before the war told the veterans assembled at the cenotaph in Mt. Sinai Cemetery that "everyone stationed in England (during the war) could have been bombed — by a miracle we survived.

"Over the High Holidays we said the people present at Sinai not only heard the voices of God and Moses but saw the message. We must get the young people to see . . . the story of the Holocaust, and that World War II was one of the most justifiable wars in history."

North York Mayor Mel Lastman in his speech echoed the importance of educating the youth about the war to the audience before leaving to open the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in the Lipa Green Building on Bathurst St.

Led by the Pipe Band of Branch 66, the legionnaires marched west on Wilson to their year-old cenotaph, giving the salute to Sydney Shulemson of Montreal, believed to be the most decorated Jewish air force officer of the war.

The veterans also dedicated the cenotaph to fallen in the Korean War, a gesture initiated by Wingate past president Lewis Bend. At the ceremony, branch second vice-president Harold Berlovich paid homage to the 29,000 Canadians who served there and 561 who perished.

Berlovich mentioned Lieut. Joseph Levison in particular, Levison, one of a handful of Jews to die in Korea, was the first Canadian officer to be killed in action. A native of Sydney, NS, and previously a writer with the Halifax Herald, Levison was 22 when his jeep drove over a mine. He is buried in Korea under the Star of David in a UN cemetery at Pusan.

Monte Kwinter, MPP for Wilson Heights assured the veterans that "there is remembrance out there," for a month doesn't go by without someone asking him if his cousin Sam Kwinter, who died fighting in the air force, was a relative.

Bill Attewell, MP for Don Valley East, representing the federal government, also mentioned a relative — the recent arrival of his first grandson. "If anything brings home the need for peace, it's a little child coming into the world," he said, thanking "people like you who fought there."

Moshe Benzion, vice-consul of Israel, told the audience he "has a pang of envy for you. You have had 35 years of peace. Unfortunately, a similar gathering (in Israel) would have veterans of 21 and 22 years old. One day we hope to have a gathering like this in Israel.

Wingate president Sid Sears noted that "although 40 years have passed, the (Nazis') crimes are just as great."

He told his audience how earlier this year, the veterans organized a demonstration at Queen's Park, where they heard representatives of the three parties as well as West German Consul Ernst-Gunther Koch refute the lies of Ernst Zundel.

"In the death camps, unspeakable crimes were committed. People who sit here today will never be able to shake that memory. Vermin such as Zundel are not wanted here (but) the mongers of hate are still in our midst."

Monson also railed against the enemies of "that great bulwark of democracy, the State of Israel. The Arab states, aided by Communist Russia, are just as determined to kill Jews today as Hitler was," he said.

Sam Pasternak, Toronto Post Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, who were attending the ceremony chastised "those peaceniks who set up their tents on Parliament Hill asking for unilateral disarmament. I ask them if they will also set up their tents outside Moscow. Unilateral disarmament is a myth that can destroy us all."

Talent society sets up Greene, Hall bursaries

TORONTO —

The Society for Recognition of Canadian Talent, a charitable, non-profit organization, has honored two Canadians with the establishment of two bursaries in radio broadcasting.

Actor Lorne Greene and TV host Monty Hall were named as honorees in the awarding of the bursaries in their names at Humber College last June.

As well, a full scholarship in journalism has been established at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in memory of the late Alderman George Ben. Alderman Ben Nobleman is secretary of the George Ben Memorial Award. The 1985 scholarships were awarded to Ryerson students Emmet Shane and Louis Smirlis.

The society has also established seven bursaries in dramatic arts at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in honor of seven prominent Canadians for their untiring efforts on behalf of the Jewish community and the State of Israel.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, cabinet minister David Crombie, former Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey, and businessmen Murray Koffler, Irving Ungerman, Wilfred Posluns and Albert J. Latner are the honorees.

In addition, the society presents three annual bursaries in theatre arts at York University in honor of Canadian performers Kate Reid, Mavor Moore and Herbert Whittaker and two yearly bursaries in music at Humber College in the names of two former society vice-presidents, Jack Lemen and Tony Giosefitto.

The society's Al Waxman Bursary Award in dramatic arts at the Hebrew University has been awarded to Ruth Louck, a first year undergraduate in English and Hebrew literature.

The society was established in 1966 to encourage and promote Canadian talent in the Canadian entertainment industry as well as abroad.

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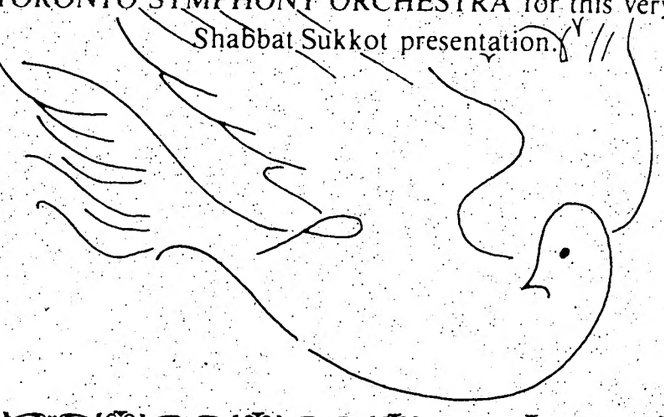

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Conway clarifies private school funds statement

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO — **Education Minister Sean Conway has clarified a statement made to a Liberal riding association meeting in Cobourg that "it is not the intention of the government to fund private schools." [CJN, Sept. 26]**

In a telephone interview, Conway told The Canadian Jewish News that the statement referred only to the provisions of Bill 30.

"What we are seeking to do in Bill 30 is to complete the funding of the last three grades of the separate school system," Conway said.

He noted that the Roman Catholic school system has had a constitutionally guaranteed right to funding for over 100 years.

He made the comment, he said, in response to questions raised during the meeting as to whether extended funding for the separate schools would mean funding private schools as well.

The role of the private schools in Ontario is under study by a 1-man commission headed by Dr. Bernard Shapiro.

Conway said that he is looking forward "with great interest to receiving Dr. Shapiro's report," which he expects by the end of October.

He noted that Shapiro is dealing with other issues besides funding, such as the quality of education and requirements for provincial inspection — issues in which the government also has an interest.

Murray Segal, chairman of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education (OJAEE), welcomed the minister's clarification.

OJAEE is a committee of Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region) formed to advocate for provincial funding of Jewish schools.

"We never thought that the object of Bill 30 was to fund other schools" (than the Catholic), Segal said.

"We are still going by what the minister and the government told us — that they have an open mind (on private school funding), that they are awaiting the outcome of Shapiro's investigations."

Bill 30 has been referred to the Ontario Court of Appeals by the provincial attorney-general to determine if it conflicts with the Constitution and Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which prohibits discrimination on religious grounds.

The government's position, which is being argued by Attorney-General Ian Scott and lawyers from his department, is that extending funding to the last three grades of the separate school system without also funding other religiously-based schools is not in conflict with the Constitution and the Charter.

The Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region) has been granted intervenor status in the case.

Congress' position is that there is a positive obligation on the government to fund Catholic separate schools.

However, Bill 30 is in conflict with Section 15 of the Charter, Congress will argue, unless the same funding is provided to other religiously-based schools.

One of the arguments the government sets out in its brief is that if Section 15 is held to apply in this case, "the public would be required to fund educational programs from kindergarten to grade 13 for any religious group which decided to establish its own school. . .

"The government would have no real control over the cost of or fragmentation of the public education system."

However, the brief also states that "the government has not yet formed a policy on the question (of) whether public funding should be provided to the schools established by other religious denominations or to private schools generally.

"Since the question is now under study (by the Shapiro Commission) . . it is reasonable to allow the democratic process to evolve to a decision on this question by the elected representatives of the public rather than by judicial decree at this stage," the brief states.

The government's argument regarding Section 15 "simply reflects a difference between the legal advice the government has received and the legal advice we have received," Segal said.

"We don't take it as meaning that, even if the court decides that Bill 30 is not in conflict with the Charter, the government will not give the issue (of funding other faith community schools) appropriate consideration."

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Ner Israel housing

TORONTO —

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Federal assistance will take the form of an annual subsidy of approximately $576,000, and will reduce the mortgage interest rate to as low as 2%. The total federal contribution to the development could amount to more than $20 million.

Campaign HOT-line

Berta Lunenfeld, Ethel Solomon, Arlene Zimmerman and Paula Cohen are all smiles at Women's Division Top Gifts function hosted by Rosalie Sharp, where top contributors were presented with Lion of Judah pins.

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The first of two Canvasser Intitute evenings conducted by **Joel Berkowitz,** a Bostonian who is New Gifts Chairman for United Jewish Appeal National, drew out a contingent of 25 physicians.

Berkowitz is a seasoned canvasser and had much to offer in the way of updated techniques for most of the doctors who took advantage of the opportunity to sit in on the session before adjourning to their division's opening meeting of the 1986 campaign.

Division Chairmen **Drs. Joel Kirsh** and **Brian Silver** were on hand along with their colleagues who included: **Drs. Lawrence Cohen, Barry Cutler, Ralph Folman, Mort Goldbach, Morris Goldfinger, Stuart Gordner, Albert Green, Joel Jeffries, Max Kleinman, Howard Price.**

Drs. Irving Earl Rosen, Brian Schwartz, Allan Seidenfeld, Lorne Sidenberg, Ivan Silver, Neal Stein, Howard Stevens, Charles Tator, Jerome Teitel, Jon Waisberg, Arthur Zalev, Harvey Zimmerman and **Ronald Zuker.**

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Washington will never be quite the same after the two-day Women's Division invasion of the U.S. capital two weeks ago.

It took two charter planes to transport 96 women for the special Mission — the largest group of women to participate in Mission to Washington, according to the Washington Mission Program of the Council of Jewish Federations and UJA in Washington, under whose auspices the itinerary was arranged.

The many highlights included briefings at AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee), the State Department and Pentagon, luncheon on Capitol Hill with **Senator Rudy Boshwick,** tea at the Canadian Embassy with **Sondra Gotlieb,** noted columnist and wife of Canada's Ambassador, and a breakfast meeting with NBC News State Department correspondent, **Anne Garrels.**

Also included in the agenda was a tour of the White House, a visit to the Lincoln Memorial and Smithsonian Institute. But there also was time set aside for an evening of recreation at the Kennedy Center for a performance of **West Side Story,** preceded by dinner in the Roof Terrace Restaurant.

Chairman for the UJA Women's Division Washington Mission was **Lil Balsky,** who worked out all the details and arrangements with her committee — **Sheila Engel, Anne Handelman, Malka Himel, Karen Morton, Eleanor Nadler, Renee Rubinstein, Judy Scheininger** and **Didi Urbach.**

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Dr. Harry Krakowsky, Medical Professions Chairman, addressed a meeting of the Dentists Division, which followed the second evening session of the Joel Berkowitz Canvasser Institute.

In addition to Division Chairmen **Drs. Allan Katchky, Russell Leve** and **Leslie Train,** dentists at the meeting included **Drs. Bonnie Chandler-Orzy, Mervin Cooper, Sheldon Cooper, Allen Feldman, Jack Fingrut, Nathan Freudman, David Glick, Sidney Golden, Mitchell Levine, Ira Schecter, Allen Simon. Harvey Taub** and **Ken Wolch.**

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By the way. **Allan Katchky** and his wife, **Dr. Cindy Greenspoon,** who is also a dentist, are the parents of a son, their first-born. We can't think of a more wonderful way to usher in the New Year. Congratulations!

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If there seemed to be a lot more noise and hoopla than usual when the Blue Jays played the Milwaukee Brewers last week, you can probably chalk it up to the UJA contingent and their boisterous cheering of the home team, with **Bobby Katz** and **Larry Shapiro** leading them on.

Katz and Shapiro came up with the idea for **Blu J A Day** as a special bonus for canvassers covering the most cards on a specific day. Through the generosity of **Labatt's Breweries** who donated their box, and an additional block of seats secured, deserving canvassers had themselves a festive evening which began with a reception at the Ontario Place Trillium Restaurant, before the game.

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It's hard to believe, but Hebrew Teachers' Chairman, **Harold Malitzky,** says the campaign for his division has almost been completed. He singled out **Marshall Jubas** for "an outstanding" canvassing effort, to which we add our kudos.

Fashion

Canadian designers featured

Cabrera directs fashion show for African relief

By
LORI SMITH

This Sunday, the first fashion and variety extravaganza in aid of famine stricken Ethiopia will be held in Toronto.

The 80's Attitude: A Fashion/Variety Event in Aid of African Relief, will be held Oct. 6 at the Royal York Hotel.

All proceeds will go directly to African relief via Canadian Physicians for African Refugees (CPAR), a non-political, non-sectarian, humanitarian organization currently providing emergency medical aid for Ethiopia.

The show, which will feature the work of 14 Canadian designers including Alfred Sung, Shelley Walsh, Izzy, and Tsipora Levy, is being directed and staged by Rafaell Cabrera and produced by Colis Duncan.

Cabrera says that when he was first approached to do the show he was very busy and still is. But he decided he would have to neglect his interior design business and help.

"I had the idea that instead of having just a fashion show, we would have an extravaganza. Top designers and entertainers — something that people would want to come to."

He explains that he has been in the fashion business for 20 years, and had access to many people — designers, hair stylists, models and make-up artists.

"At first everybody was a bit leary of the show, but because they knew me and because of my background, things got simplified and we were able to explain to them what we wanted to do."

Cabrera explains that the participants now have the feeling that something special is happening. However, he says, recruiting was also simplified when big name designers such as Alfred Sung joined the project.

On Sunday, the show will be presented twice, one at 4 p.m. and again at 8 p.m.

Cabrera says that Salome Bey will open the show with an original composition written for the cause.

"She will debut the song at the show. Then Molly and Taborah Johnson will sing the national anthem and Cecile Frenette will sing something dedicated to the cause."

He says the show will feature top Toronto and international models wearing the work of 14 designers including a new addition, Furs by Creeds.

"There will be a futuristic section with clothes by designers Barbara Klunder and hair by Etheline Joseph. She's the lady responsible for Tina Turner's new look on the Private Dancer album.

In addition, he says, Esther Nyarui, a high fashion model from Nairobi, is bringing eight African costumes which will be shown on a dramatic punctuation to normal fashion.

He says they hope to have a full house for both shows and the gala dinner being hosted by Andrea Martin.

Tickets are $30 each for the fashion show only, and $100 each for the fashion show and gala dinner.

They are available at all BASS outlets, CPAR, 72 Carlton St.

For more information, call 961-5129.

Skirt and sweater by Izzy. Model is Gabriella. [Jim Allen photo]

Buncha Yahoos aren't

By
COLIN WATSON
(STYLE)

It's not easy to be taken seriously when you label your company Buncha Yahoos.

Jack Kwinter started out as a silk screen artist and he now finds himself in the garment business. And slowly but surely he is gaining a name for himself and the design motifs he now airbrushes on a wide assortment of fashion items for men, women and children.

The technique itself involves the application of paint to a surface by means of a compressor, tube and a pen-like utensil.

A fine spray of paint allows for subtle effects of shading and outline.

According to Kwinter: "The only real limitations are that dry cleaning is not allowed. Powdered bleaches are fine but not liquid bleaches. Otherwise the technique is totally modern and adds lots of appeal to clothing."

Kim Allison, a partner in Buncha Yahoos, first met Kwinter when he was doing silk screen work on t-shirts for rock bands and record stores.

Kwinter taught Allison the technique of air brushing on fabrics; and she admits it took her a long time to learn.

Now, together, they are learning the ropes of the fashion industry fast.

Although they have added their designs to garments for men and women as well as for children, the original focus of the two was children's wear.

The children's wear is still a bit pricey for some. Due to the high quality of the imported garments from Sweden used by Kwinter and Allison, only the better retailers such as La Petite Gaminerie in Toronto's Hazelton Lanes have been able to merchandise them successfully.

The prices for their adult designs range from approximately $35 to $95 retail. They have now begun to create their own styles.

It won't be a huge line, says Kwinter. It will be a collection of items, rich in color opinions and offering a wide variety of air brush designs.

In keeping with the needs of the market today, Kwinter makes it possible for each buyer to join in the creative process when writing an order.

They may be called a Buncha Yahoos, but Kwinter and Allison know how to work hard. The countless designs can take anywhere from half an hour to two hours to execute depending on the number of colors and stencils involved.

It is not unusual to find the lights on late at 209 Davenport Road in the studio/boutique, with the young company working around the clock to complete an order on time.

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Career skyrockets

Izzy look subtle, not screaming

By LORI SMITH

A woman's clothes should be noticeable, but they shouldn't scream out, says young Toronto designer Izzy.

According to Izzy, aka Isabel Camilleri, clothes should make a woman stand out, but they should do so in an interesting and subtle way.

Izzy is one of the 14 Canadian designers to be featured in this weekend's fund raising fashion extravaganza, The 80's Attitude: A Fashion Variety Event in Aid of African Relief, at the Royal York Hotel.

She graduated from Oakville's Sheridan College in 1984 and has worked with designer Winifred Callaghan, a creator of knits for Clotheslines.

But, she explains that her career began to sky rocket last September when her work was featured in a show in Hamilton.

"I met all the top Toronto models there and ever since then. . . ."

Ever since then she has continued to create beautiful fashion clothes in knits and leathers.

Izzy says she doesn't follow trends, but she does have a basic silhouette that she "sort of follows."

"Heavy shoulders and a slim bottom. I use different shapes but they're all heavy in the shoulder."

She says that she likes her clothes to be comfortable; she doesn't want anyone to be in pain when they wear something she has designed.

"I make leather pants and skirts, and the pants are baggy, not constricting or confining."

Izzy says that she uses a lot of black and that she likes primary colors — red, blue.

In the show on Sunday, she is presenting about nine outfits.

"A lot of sweaters with leather trimmings and my leather pants. Plus some long sweater coats and some dressy things. My clothes are sporty, casual, but they can be dressed up or down."

Izzy says anything can inspire her and that she will usually have the complete design, including color, fabric and yarn, worked out in her head before she begins.

"A lot of things inspire me. I can't put my finger on it. You wouldn't see the connection if I told you."

Izzy Designs are available at Bravado, 53 Gerrard St. W., 18 Elm St., and 2409 Yonge St.

Knit outfit by Izzy. Model is June Round. [Mathew Wiley photo]

Beautiful texture color trademark of Tsipora Levy

Beautiful texture and color are the trademarks of Tsipora Levy's one-of-a-kind knit sweaters, dresses and coats.

Levy, who works and sells out of her home at 35 Castlefrank Rd., says that she came to fashion from art and so puts a lot of emphasis on texture and color.

She is one of the 14 Canadian designers to be featured in this weekend's fund raising fashion extravaganza, The 80's Attitude: A Fashion/Variety Event in Aid of African Relief, at the Royal York Hotel.

Levy, who counts Mila Mulroney as a regular customer, says that she's interested in the effect her sweaters create and the fact that they are pleasant to wear.

"I'm also interested in having them hang nicely on the body so they move well with the person. And because I put so much into them, I want them to last and I want them to be easy to care for."

Levy explains that the base of the sweater is hand-loomed on a knitting machine and then a lot of hand work is done to add such things as texture, trim and buttons.

She says that she uses every type of yarn in her creation — wool, cotton, linen and synthetics.

"The process of texture is usually done after the knitting."

Levy says that she uses a lot of primary colors but that stems from her background in art. It's coincidental that those colors are 'in' this year.

"I take trends into account but I don't just follow them."

Her sweaters feature a vibrant mixture of color and even though they are oversized, they have a fairly slim silhouette.

Levy says that she tests all her creations by wearing the models.

"Then I know if they will be comfortable or sag or change shape, which can happen with sweaters."

Aztec print sweater by Tsipora Levy.

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Just For You

Madame Benoit goes microwave

Doyenne of Canadian cuisine offers simple advice

By
BRENDA RASKY

TORONTO —

"My life is good food, lovingly prepared," she said. "And I live by the cooking philosophy of the great Escoffier: 'Make it simple.' "

It was Madame Jehane Benoit talking during a CJN interview here recently, and the 81-year-old doyenne of Canadian cuisine illustrated her first point by telling a charming story about her Montreal *papa*.

"Because my family has always believed that the best food is fresh food, my *papa* pretended to be Jewish," she said, smiling at the memory. "He did so in order to get our weekly kosher chicken guaranteed fresh killed by a *shoichet*."

Madame Benoit illustrated her second point, about cooking with simplicity, by demonstrating a new microwave oven, which is being distributed nationally to department and specialty food stores this week by Panasonic.

It's called the Dimension 4 Genius, because it adds to Panasonic's other features a fourth computerized dimension.

That is the ability to grill eight different food categories, from fish to icings, with the push of a button that automatically selects the power and cooking time for each.

Its other features include:

• Turntable microwaving that eliminates manual turning of dishes and produces fast, even results.

• A built-in convection fan that circulates hot, dry air for the convenience of baking bread, pastries and casseroles.

• A combination factor that offers the speed of microwave plus the browning and baking capacities of convection.

But Madame Benoit is most enraptured by the exclusive humidity control sensor of the $999 Genius model, which automatically calculates the power and cooking time needed.

"It removes a lot of needless guesswork and it's so simple," she said. "Just one touch — and *voila*! — it's all done for you."

The Madame — as she was respectfully addressed by 20 Toronto food writers who chatted with her at a Panasonic-sponsored dinner — obviously knows what she's talking about.

She's the vivacious, twinkly-eyed, delightfully accented author of 25 cookbooks. She has just completed the first four volumes of The Encyclopedia Of Microwave Cooking, which will be available at book stores this fall, at about $15 per volume.

A household name who has been offering recipe tips on the CBC for 33 years, the Montreal-born connoisseur developed a passion for the art of cuisine as a girl. In Paris, she studied food chemistry for four years at the Sorbonne University and took a 2-year course at the famed Cordon Bleu Cooking School.

Madame Jehane Benoit, the 81-year-old doyenne of Canadian cuisine, introducing Panasonic's new Dimension 4 Genius computerized microwave oven to Canadian food writers.

Against her mother's wishes, she opened a Montreal cooking school in 1933, believed to be the first one in Canada.

Coat of arms

Three years later, she opened her own restaurant next door to Holt Renfrew's Montreal store and named it Au Fumet De La Vieille France (roughly translated With A Flavor Of Old France).

It featured a salad bar plus a different dessert created each day, and she remembers devising a restaurant coat of arms in the following fashion:

"I split a wooden salad bowl in half and placed it on an iron stand outside the entrance of the restaurant," she says. "And I filled it every day with different things in season . . . flowers in spring, fresh fruits in summer, snowballs in winter."

She recalls that Canadians restricted their use of herbs stringently back in the 1930s. "The French Canadians used summer savory and the English used sage," she says. "And that was it."

She also remembers how Quebec WASPs experimented very gingerly then before accepting new food consumption habits.

"One summer day, I had a lot of strawberries on hand for my restaurant," she says. "So I went down to the market in the Jewish district around Rachel St. to buy sour cream as an accompaniment.

"Jewish cooks, of course, were long used to that combination. But nobody would order it at my restaurant. So the next day I called it on my menu 'Devonshire cream with strawberries.' *Voila!* Everybody loved it under that Englishy name and asked for more.

"On my next shopping expedition, I went to Montreal's most fashionable store to buy sour cream. Alas, it was twice the price! You can be sure, I went back to my original sour cream source on Rachel St."

She now lives on her sheep farm in the rolling, peaceful countryside of the Eastern Township, 75 miles southeast of Montreal. She devotes four acres to growing raspberries which she sells along with lambs. For her private use, she grows herbs and strawberries.

In her comfortable farm kitchen, she creates her recipes — testing them, changing, improving, adding, until she is satisfied with the results.

She has been microwaving her concoctions for 14 years, and considers the Panosonic microwave oven the jewel in the crown of cuisine preparation.

What's the most common mistake made by Canadian microwave cooking novices?

"Overcooking!" she says. And putting her two forefingers close together, she says: "The way to overcome that mistake is to think small — think always in small numbers for your microwaving. For example, suppose the recipe suggests you place the food in the microwave oven for three minutes.

"Instead, try taking it out after two minutes. If it's not cooked sufficiently for your taste, you can always put it back. Better less than more, wouldn't you agree?

In agreement with "Canada's First Lady of Cuisine" was Dinah Koo, proprietor of Dinah's Cupboard food specialty shop in Toronto, who prepared a delicious dinner for the food writers using the Dimension 4 Genius. Here is her recipe for —

BLUEBERRY PEACH CRUMBLE

6 cups fresh, peeled sliced peaches (approximately 12 large)
1 pint or 2 cups blueberries washed
2 tbsps. flour
1 cup brown sugar
2 tbsps. cinnamon

Mix dry ingredients and toss with fruit. Place in a shallow 12" oval baking dish.

Topping

1 cup raw oatmeal (can be quick cooking)
1 tbsp. cinnamon
¼ cup brown sugar
½ cup sliced almonds or other nuts (toasted) without skin
¼ cup soft butter

Combine topping ingredients until crumbly and sprinkle over the fruit. Microwave on high for 10 minutes or Convection at 325F for 25 minutes until bubbly and fruit just cooked.

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TORONTO —

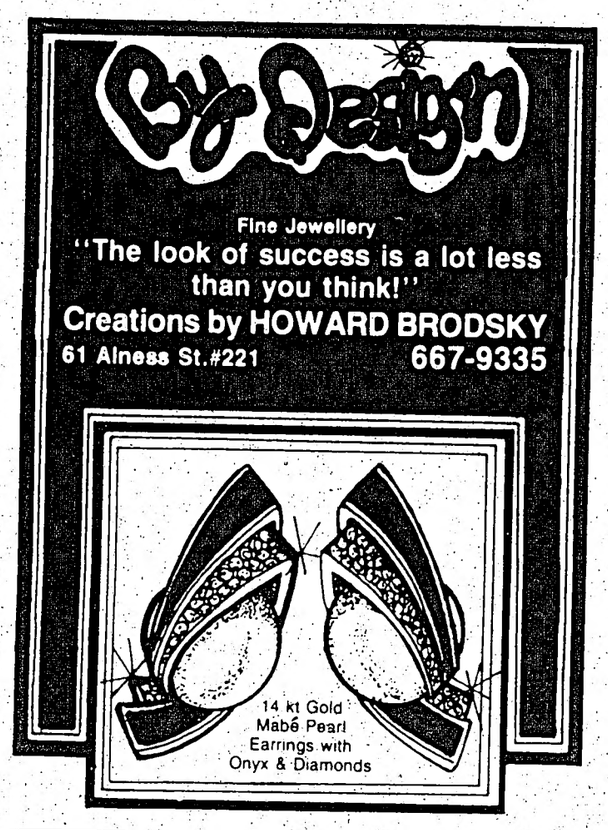
More than 25,000 lovers of good food and wine are expected to attend a gourmet wingding of a bash where they'll be able to savor 450 "products of the grape" available for sampling at cost price.

It's the 8th vintage International Food & Wine Show, which will feature more than 150 different exhibitions at the Coliseum Building at Exhibition Place Oct. 18 to 20.

Two high-profile wine tycoons will be present at the seminars: Jean Calvet, president of Jean Calvet & Cie., and Roland Kressman, vice-president of the company that produces the top selling French wine in Ontario.

Among the Toronto professional chefs you'll be able to watch in action at the Chef's Gourmet Theatre will be Albert Schnell of the Hilton Harbour Castle; Terry Seed of Hazelton Cafe; Franco Sabatino of Sabatino's Restaurant; Chris Boland of Telfer's Restaurant; and Russell Cottam of Scaramouche.

The $5 admission includes a free wine tasting glass and entry to all booths, where you'll be able to sample the latest in everything from cheeses to chocolates.



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Don't use words like "cheap"

Basic needs required whether wedding big or small

By
EVELYN HOFFMAN
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MYRA FELDMAN

Q. We are on a budget and we want to have a small and inexpensive wedding. Do you have any suggestions?

A. We offer these suggestions (with tongue in cheek). Every wedding large or small requires the same basic needs — food, flowers, pictures, music, clothes and location.

Before you go shopping for these services, you must remove from your vocabulary the following words and phrases — "cheap, small, and I'm on a budget." Replace them with the proper lingo. "We are having a personal and intimate wedding," or a "simple but elegant wedding." This will help you get your point across that you do not want to spend a lot of money.

You will find that by using the proper terminology you are more likely to get service with a smile, no matter how much you decide to spend.

Q. Where does the custom come from that the groom and his family march first at a wedding?

A. We made inquiries and were given the following explanation:

This tradition goes back to the biblical times when G-d was compared to a groom and Israel to a bride.

G-d arrived first at Mt. Sinai and went out to welcome the Israelites when they came to stand at the foot of the mountain, . . . as a groom goes forth to meet his bride.

Q. I am getting married for the second time and both our families want us to have a large, formal wedding. Is it appropriate for me to wear a formal white wedding gown?

A. With the increase of second marriages, a lot of wedding etiquette has been relaxed.

You didn't mention how old you are, so we are therefore setting out some suggestions that you might find helpful for your particular situation.

If you are relatively young, there is no reason why you can't wear a formal wedding gown in white or ivory. The same formal wedding gown may also be lined in a pastel shade; i.e. pink, blue, green, or yellow.

An over 30s bride is usually more practical and would choose something she could wear again, such as an off-white street length dress or a suit with a matching hat and veil.

The type, time, and place of the wedding usually dictate the dress code. Most couturiers suggest "ivory" for a second marriage.

Q. Is sending a telegram out of style?

A. No. If you are unable to attend a wedding that is either in the city or out-of-town, sending a telegram is a way of telling the bride and groom, you are sorry you cannot be with them on their special day, but you are thinking of them.

Today telegrams are not read at weddings, unless from a close member of the families, from a great distance, and it is important to the principals of the wedding party that their absence be acknowledged.

You may be assured that your thoughtfulness will be appreciated and the telegram will be kept with all the other souvenirs of their wedding day.

A telegram may also be sent to a very small wedding to which only the immediate families have been invited. Good wishes are never out of style.

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Salads can lighten taste after heavy holiday meals

After all that heavy food you've been eating during the holiday season, you may want to try a lunch (or even dinner) featuring a salad made of Ontario vegetables. Here's one suggested by Foodland Ontario.

MARINATED GARDEN SALAD

Marinade:
½ cup vegetable oil
3 tbsp red wine vinegar
1 tbsp grated parmesan cheese
2 Ontario green onions, sliced
1 tsp dried basil
½ tsp sugar
½ tsp dry mustard
½ tsp salt
1/8 tsp pepper

Salad:
2 medium carrots, sliced
15 medium mushrooms, sliced
6 medium radishes, sliced
½ medium field cucumber, halved and sliced
1 cup bias-sliced celery
4 cups torn iceberg lettuce
2 cups torn spinach
2 medium tomatoes, cut into wedges

In medium-sized bowl, whisk together all marinade ingredients. Stir in carrots, mushrooms, radishes, cucumber and celery. Cover and chill about 1 hour.

Just before serving, combine lettuce and spinach; divide evenly among 4 salad plates. (Or, place on large serving plate.) Spoon marinated vegetables on top. Garnish with tomato wedges.

Makes 6 side salads.

A serving of this Marinated Garden Salad supplies half the daily vegetable requirements, as recommended by Canada's Food Guide. [Foodland Ontario photo]

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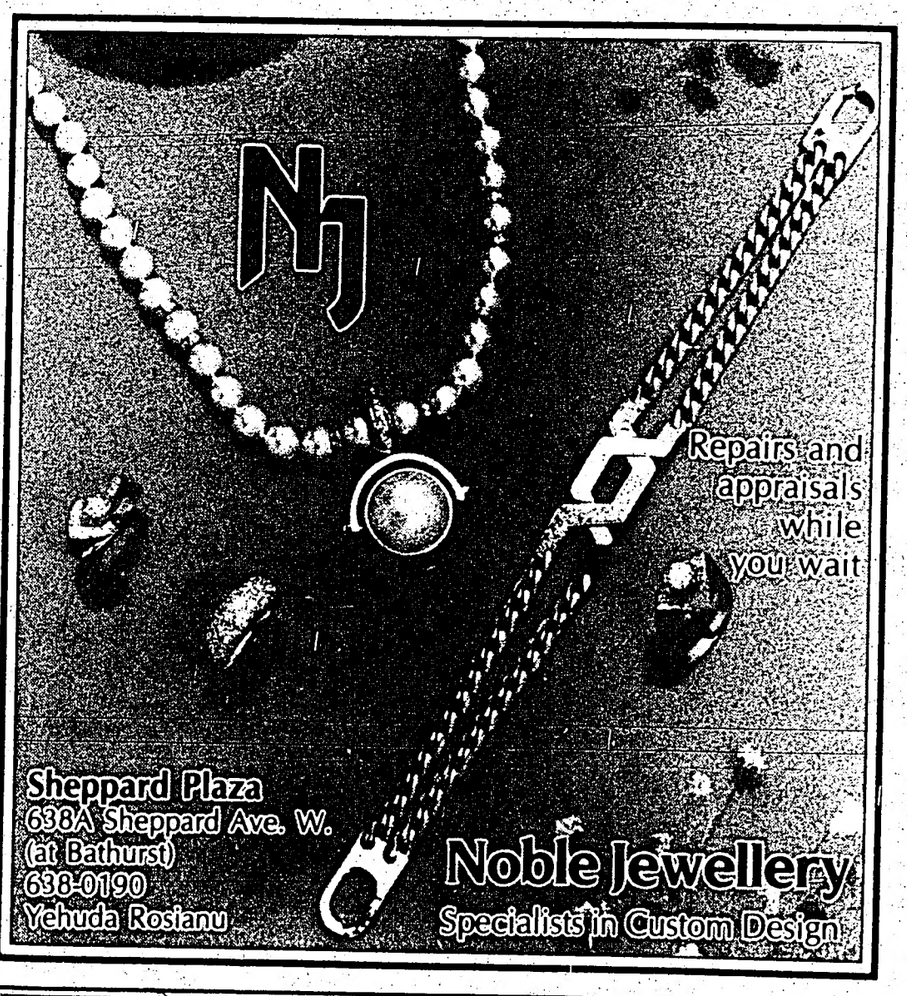

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Arts

Woman bucks system and wins

Marie engages the sympathy, attention of audience

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Roger Donaldson starts out with an old morality tale in *Marie, a true story* and embellishes it.

Evil triumphs when good men turn a blind eye. Writers over the years have elaborated upon this theme with varying degrees of success.

Hollywood has often tackled this subject, mostly lately in *Serpico*, the plot of which revolved around the efforts of an honest cop to purge the New York police department of accumulated corruption.

Now, in Marie, Donaldson directs Sissy Spacek in a movie which exposes corrupt government and personal complacency. Marie, playing in Toronto, is a technically accomplished and at times gut-wrenching film.

Based on a book by Peter Maas, Marie recounts the trials and tribulations of a determined and ambitious young woman who reluctantly bucks the system and miraculously wins her case.

The luminous Sissy Spacek, who elicited well-deserved plaudits in Coal Miner's Daughter and Missing, plays Marie Ragghianti, a battered wife who went back to school and became the first woman to head Tennessee's board of pardons and paroles.

The opening scene establishes the mood. Marie is in the kitchen and her sodden husband and his beer-guzzling friends are watching a football game on TV. He coarsely calls out for more suds and Marie, sick of his brazen ways, nonchalantly pours the beer down the drain of her sink. Her beastly husband attacks her, bodily throwing her out of the house as their infant boy sobs in his crib.

Returning to her crippled mother's home, she takes a job as a waitress in a loud bar. Tired of her life, she enrolls at Vanderbilt University and earns a BA degree in English and psychology.

On a hunch, she visits her college friend, Eddie Sisk (Jeff Daniels), the legal counsel to Ray Blanton, the new governor of Tennessee. He hires her as the state's extradition officer, and later she is promoted chairman of the board of pardons and parole, a very sensitive political position.

Through a gradual, painful process, she learns that state officials are selling or bartering pardons, commutations and orders of executive clemency to convicted criminals with political or organized crime connections.

If Marie acts according to personal expediency, she can ignore the corruption in her midst and advance her career. Marie, however, chooses to fight.

In portraying the courageous and spunky Ragghianti, Sissy Spacek is simply marvellous. Moviegoers have come to expect high standards from her and, in Marie, she does not let us down.

So attuned is she to Marie's gritty personality that a viewer soon forgets that she is acting out her role. Like all great actors, Spacek has the knack of completely identifying with a given character.

Jeff Daniels, who appeared in the acclaimed *Terms of Endearment*, is the master of sleaze. His Eddie Sisk reeks of the political operator who inhabits smoke-filled backrooms where deals are consummated.

Don Hood, as the governor, suitably conveys a slightly sinister and conspiratorial air. And Fred Thompson, the attorney who defended Ragghianti when she accused Blanton of wrongful dismissal, plays himself in stellar fashion.

Marie, which is usually fast-paced, is composed of a subplot concerning her three children. Quibblers may note that it is extraneous to the action, but this is not really true. The problems she faces in raising a family and climbing the bureaucratic ladder are interrelated and properly part of a film which rarely lags and almost always engages our sympathy and attention.

Few bored faces . . . including adults'

Children love Disney ice spectacular

TORONTO —

The little people, eyes lit up with anticipated joy, converged on Maple Leaf Gardens, phalanx-like, snarling traffic near one of Toronto's busiest corners.

In the crowd were my two daughters, Mia and Lauren, edging forward, with myself and my wife in tow.

What was all the excitement about? Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom on Ice, which will be here for a while longer, had come to town.

Maple Leaf Gardens, usually home to the hapless Toronto Maple Leafs, was nearly filled to the rafters. Here was an audience which expected a winning performance. Not just a half-hearted effort, but a fullblown extravaganza that the kids would fondly remember until the following year.

And, to an astonishing degree, they got it.

Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom On Ice, which is owned and produced by Kenneth Feld, must be one of the minor miracles of the entertainment circuit. The younger set tends to be rather blase today, but there were very few bored or glazed faces around last week.

For one thing, some of the best professional skaters in the world were there on the ice, skating rings around each other. Linda Fratianne, the U.S. silver medalist at the 1980 Olympics and twice champion of the universe, twirled herself into a pretzel as she effortlessly whirred up and down the rink.

Michael Nemec, the Austrian champ, and Penny Booth, a blond bombshell, performed a sensual number which may have made every grandmother blush a deep red.

Tom Sokolis and his partner, Kento, evoked laughs with their madcap routine. And Nick Maricich, skating at 55 miles per hour, leaped over 10 barrels and, in a feat to behold, dashed through two spiked revolving hoops.

Virtually the only number which seemed dull and belabored was that between a man who will remain anonymous and a sputtering robot which thankfully blew up in a puff of simulated smoke.

Routines and costumes a hit with everyone

To kids like Mia and Lauren, who don't necessarily see the world as we adults do, the cartoon characters were one of the highlights of the 2-hour show.

Goofy, Donald Duck, and Mickey Mouse appeared throughout, in a variety of routines which gladdened hearts and warmed up souls.

Lauren, our 3-year-old, was particularly fascinated by the spectacle of seeing mythical figures suddenly in person under the same roof. Mia, 10, was slightly less in awe. But Mia, an up-and-coming woman of the world, was nevertheless struck by what she saw.

All of us, from children to adults, were consistently impressed by the pyrotechnics and the sets, which were obviously designed with that intention in mind. The glittering costumes and the amusing mechanical doodads, which the creators of Superman or Star Wars might have conceived, were definitely a hit with everyone.

Maple Leaf Gardens was magically transformed by Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom On Ice. The children liked it, and not surprisingly, so did the adults.

They must be doing something right. **S.K.**

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Saltzman a standout as Chico Marx

Comedy character actor yearns for Shakespeare role

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

He has the hangdog brown eyes of a basset hound.

He has the impish appearance of a cherubic butterball.

He won raves for his comic roles last season in the Canadian Opera Company's productions of Candide and The Barber Of Seville.

And he's currently wining more accolades for his manic performance as Chico Marx in the musical revue at the Variety Dinner Theatre titled A Day In Hollywood, A Night In The Ukraine.

But, alas, like most gifted comedians, Avery Saltzman yearns to be a classical tragedian, brooding onstage in the melancholy role of Hamlet.

"The closest I came to doing Shakespearean tragedy was when I was offered a part in Macbeth at Theatre New Brunswick in Fredericton," the 29-year-old, Toronto-born actor was saying morosely last week over a paper cup of black coffee in The CJN newsroom.

Avery Saltzman

"Guess what that part was?" he asked rhetorically. "Do you think they let me play one of those noble Scottish lords, who draws tears from the audience by either killing or getting killed himself?

"Fat chance! I ended up squeezing laughs out of the only funny shtik in Macbeth — the comic, drunken porter!"

Saltzman takes solace out of the fact that he's done fairly well as a comedy character actor, earning as much as $35,000 a year, since he was a 16-year-old playing Tevye in a school production of Fiddler On The Roof.

He's the son of George and Pearl Saltzman, who own the Acme Crafts wholesale sporting goods firm, and have been "100% supportive" of his theatrical career.

"I've been a professional for eight years and I've been lucky in the sense that I haven't been forced yet to take an outside job to make ends meet," he said.

However, he admits he's had stabbing doubts now and then since dropping out of his drama studies at York University to become a full-time thespian.

There was the time, for instance, when he assumed the role of Pozzo in Theatre New Brunswick's production of Samuel Beckett's surrealistic, 4-character drama, Waiting For Godot.

"Audiences either loved it or hated it," he says. "And many were simply puzzled by it. We'd take bets backstage on how many baffled people would leave the theatre after the first intermission. At least one-fourth of them would walk out."

What does Saltzman think the play was all about anyhow?

"Well, I can't be positive, but I think it's about people waiting," he said. "They're waiting for their dreams and hopes to come true. They talk about it. But they do nothing about it."

That do-nothing philosophy certainly doesn't apply to him. He was a piano player at the age of 5, and capitalized on that experience to get the Chico Marx role in his present show. But he also spent hours replaying videos of old Marx Brothers movies, so that he could mimic more convincingly Chico's rapid-fire style of piano playing and broken-English Italian-style malapropisms.

He says the biggest laughs in the show are evoked by Chico's replies to questions asked by the Groucho Marx character (imitated by actor Allan Wilbee). The dialogue goes like this:

Groucho: "What do you call yourself?"

Chico: "I'm a no call a myself. I'm always a someplace near."

Groucho: "I mean, what's your name?"

Chico: "My name a, she's a Carlo Luigi Biondello Bonanova De Mozzerella."

Groucho: "How do you spell that?"

Chico: "Wrong a' . . . every time."

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Dori to open Oct. 17

TORONTO —

The Leah Posluns Theatre, under the artistic directorship of Reva Stern, will be presenting the world premiere of Eric Blau's musical, Dori, to open Oct. 17. The lavish production, with a cast of over 40, is set in Edwardian Vienna and focuses on the plight of Theodor Herzl, the father of modern Zionism who was affectionately referred to by the nickname, Dori.

Casting in now being completed in Toronto. David Brummel, recently seen as Juan Peron in the touring production of Evita will play the part of Herzl. Tom Kneebone will play the role of Pastor William Hechler and Marie Brown will play Herzl's wife Julie.

The play covers the seminal period 1895-1905, in which Herzl fully formulated his dream of a Jewish homeland. The musical (music by Elliot Weiss) will also peer into Herzl's personal life, which was beset with drama, risk and joy.

Dori will kick off the Leah Posluns' 1985/86 season. Other works scheduled, although not yet confirmed, include Groucho, a moving and funny portrait of Groucho Marx, by his son Arthur Marx; Today I am a Fountainpen by Israel Horowitz, based on Morley Torgov's book, A Good Place to Come From and Dispossessed, a prize-winning play by Aviva Ravel. Confirmed is a play called Kuni Lemi, an enchanting off-Broadway musical based on Avrom Goldfadn's play about a young chassid's daughter forced into a bad marriage.

The season will consist of a total of five plays. Ticket information is available by calling 630-6752.

Toronto Jewish Theatre

Musical caps 1st year

TORONTO —

Chaim Avron, the impressario who founded the Toronto Jewish Theatre last year, is celebrating its first anniversary with what he bills as a "bubbling Yiddish musical revue sprinkled with Hebrew and English."

Written, directed and produced by Avron, it's titled Hello, Tel Aviv, and stars the Florida based singer Lila Butters in tandem with Canadian Cantor David Bagley.

Also featured are an all-Canadian cast of performers, including comedian Allen Farkas, folksinger Tsufit Fixman, 12-year-old Tara Charendoff and performers Lilian Kaelitz, Judith Shapiro, Richard Basset and David Clement.

Musical director is Sasha Starr.

The revue will be presented at the Northview Heights Auditorium at the corner of Bathurst and Finch for three performances on Oct. 12 and 13.

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Arts

Scholarship winner

CICF presents two Israeli musicians

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

The Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation presents brilliant young violinist Eyal Shiloah, accompanied by pianist Mordechai Shehori, Oct. 17 at Premiere Dance Theatre.

Eyal Shiloah, a recent CICF scholarship winner, born in 1963 in Israel, has since 1980 studied under Israel Philharmonic concertmaster Chaim Taub. He attracted the attention of Isaac Stern, who has encouraged his artistic development.

At age 14 he performed publicly for the first time with the Jerusalem Symphony. He has also been a soloist with the Israel Philharmonic Youth Concert Series.

This past summer he participated in the prestigious Marlboro, Vt., Music Festival in which he was a scholarship recipient. His younger brother Roy, also a violinist, appeared in Toronto with the IPO under CICF auspices last March. His sister Idit is a talented pianist.

Shehori performs in the U.S., Canada and Europe as both a soloist and chamber musician. He has appeared in many of New York's major concert halls, and in 1978 performed at the White House reception for Prime Minister Menachem Begin on the occasion of Israel's 30th anniversary.

As the winner of the 1984 Music at La Gesse Foundation Festival in the south of France, Shehori was invited to perform at Washington's Kennedy Centre. The Washington Post observed: "Shehori's temperament seems to bring out the poetry in musical form, the spiritual content of each score."

For further information concerning this final CICF presentation in this Year of the Youth, call 921-2103.

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Reva Lawrie's new Jewish-theme theatre troupe presents its opening production, Neil Simon's first hit, Come Blow Your Horn, at the Limelight Theatre, Oct. 13, 20 and 27.

Eyal Shiloah

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The first live performance of the anonymously composed cantata Yonah (The Dove) within its proper Hoshanah Rabbah context since 1732 shall take place Oct. 4 at Temple Emanu-El. This Italian-Jewish masterwork, miraculously resurrected by Ben Steinberg, had its modern-day premiere on CBC-FM last March 24. Musically, it fuses the best of high-baroque with traditional Hebraic-liturgical cantillations.

Cantor Thomas Schwartz will sing tenor, with Nelson Lohnes on baritone, and Renee Barda as mezzo-soprano with Susan Cooper and Christian Harvey also on vocals. Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld will narrate. The full-size baroque chamber orchestra will include such top musicians as violinist-concertmaster Morry Kernerman and oboist Lawrence Cherney.

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The surprise appearance by one of the world's two greatest oboists, Soviet-Jewish-emigre Senia Trubashnik (the other is Heinz Holliger) was the highlight of the recent Beth Emeth concert of recent Russian-Jewish arrivals to coincide with B'nai B'rith's formation of a new Russian-speaking Shalom Aleichem Lodge. But in terms of musical ability, there were three other performances equal to that of Trubashnik's first-rank calibre.

Pianist Mark Gurovsky, one of this continent's leading interpreters of 20th-century works, gave a thrillingly authoritative rendition of Rachmaninoff's Prelude No. 2. His version of Chopin's First Waltz, however, could have been more graceful.

Baritone Leonid Karpinsky's performance of several Russian art songs and arias again proved that he is second to none in terms of sheer force tempered by a sense of panoramic drama.

While violinist Victor Danchenko was ill, his star pupil, Canadian-born Michael Weaver, filling in with his spectacular rendition of Fritz Kreisler's most familiar opus, demonstrated the golden contribution that the Soviet-Jewish exodus has made to Canada's music scene.

Senia Trubashnik, who, after years of performance with top European orchestras will play with the Halifax Symphony, performed the last two movements of Mozart's Oboe Concerto in his full, un-nasal tone. Cantor Louis Danto climaxed the program with two duets with Leonid Karpinsky. Only Bella Kovarsky's brief dance sequence to Putting on the Ritz seemed trite and out-of-place.

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In honor of the Workmen's Circle 85th birthday, Yiddish songstress Ginette LaBianca will perform with Sender and Mindele Wajsman at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6, at Workmen's Circle headquarters, 475 Lawrence Ave. West.

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A final reminder: The benefit performance by Lia Koenig, the Orford String Quartet and Al Waxman for the Friends of Habimah (Israel's National Theatre) will take place at 8 p.m., Oct. 13, at the home of Dr. Martin and Rose Lindzon, 174 Crescent Road. For further information call 483-8758.

Heritage Players know the meaning of rapport

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

There may be younger actors in Toronto, and richer ones, but no one surpasses the Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre in their ability to identify with the experiences of their audiences.

A case in point is their latest presentation, Days of Awe, performed at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre just before the High Holidays started, under the direction of Nathan Garnick. In their singing, dancing, and drama, the Heritage Players, nearly all senior citizens themselves, actually meld with the audience at times, reaching out to shake hands, or dancing their way through the rows in entrances and exits.

Of course what could be more suitable for this style of show than the literature and liturgy of the High Holiday services, the fraelich A Good Yom Tov, a Good Year, the reverential Hin'ni, Avenu Malkeinu, and Eli, Eli, the joyous songs of Succoth from Hallel, and the exuberant dances of Simchat Torah?

And in the famous I. L. Peretz play, the rabbi of Nemerov, in praise of the giving of anonymous charity, who could be a more selfless and high-minded tzadik than Morris Nusyna, or a more fearsome devil than Mike Glayt, or a more stubborn and agegravating Litwak than David Zaretsky? (Only a Litwak could have the nerve to hide in the rabbi's bedroom to find out if it is true, as the villagers of Nemerov believe, that the rebbe ascends to heaven every Friday morning to plead for his people against the accusations of the devil.)

And, indeed, who could summon the villagers to Slichot more efficiently than Sarah Aizenstat, playing the role of the shammes, tapping on the windows with her cane, or be a more deserving recipient of charity than Esther Clairmont, as the elderly and sick widow whom the rebbe befriends?

And who could make a better selection from the liturgical music of the holidays and arrange and perform it on the piano with such relish as Nathan Rosen?

Or, in fact, who could visibly enjoy their singing, dancing and acting more than the other members of the cast, Esther Mainemeer, Aida Golberg, Sally Honickman, Ann Singer, Ethel Sprackman, Dvora Silver and Rena Rosenberger?

As Tatiana Kuchinsky, of the Wagman Centre commented when this presentation, aided by a new Horizons Program grant, concluded: "It was a beautiful and dignified performance."

Butterfly opens season

TORONTO —

Madama Butterfly, Giacomo Puccini's poignant tale of a Japanese geisha girl's tragic love affair with a U.S. naval officer, will open the Canadian Opera Company's fall season at O'Keefe Centre on Oct. 9.

Christopher Newton, artistic director of the Shaw Festival, will make his directorial debut with the opera company.

Japanese soprano Yoko Watanabe and Canadian soprano Maria Pellegrini will alternate in playing the title role.

Italian tenor Nazzareno Antinori and U.S. tenor Franco Farina will alternate in the role of the naval officer, Pinkerton.

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A bawdy new revue comes to **Basin Street** on Oct. 10. **DEAR CLIMAX,** an irreverent cabaret that takes pot shots at the rag mag trade. **Davida Hoyos** wrote the saucy book & lyrics, **Charles Gray** composed the score. 8:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri., 8 & 11 p.m. Sat. An hour earlier for dinner/show pkgs. **Joey's Basin Street, 180 Queen West, 598-3020.**

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Films, lectures highlight Legacy week

The Precious Legacy display of Czech Judaica plundered by Nazi troops between 1942 and 1945 continues at the Royal Ontario Museum. In addition to the exhibit, there are over 60 concurrent programs at the ROM continuing until the end of November. The highlights for the next week are as follows:

- On Sunday, Oct. 13 at 3 p.m., the second of three chamber music concerts will take place in the Royal Ontario Museum theatre. Pianist Elyakim Taussig joins violinist Moshe Hammer and cellist Ofra Harnoy in a program including Smetana's Three Czech Dances, Bloch's Baal-Shem and Bruch's Kol Nidre. Admission is $8 for adults and $6 for students and seniors.
- A 10-part film series continues Oct. 6 at 7.30 p.m. in the ROM Rep Cinema with the screening of Jacob the Liar, an East German film from 1976 which tells the story of a tailor who is imprisoned during World War II by the Gestapo. Admission is $3 and $2 for students and seniors.
- On Oct. 8 from noon to 1 p.m., part 4 of Abba Eban's Heritage: Civilization and the Jews series will be screened in the ROM Theatre. This is a 9-part series with each instalment shown every Tuesday from noon to 1. Admission is free for seniors only, included with ROM admission for others.
- Also in the ROM theatre, a series of documentary films on the history, customs and culture of Judaism will be shown. On Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2.30 p.m., and again the following day at 2.30, viewers may see the 17-minute film Judaism: Children of Abraham. On Saturday, Oct. 5 at 4 p.m., the 1-hour film A Talent For Life: Jews of the Italian Renaissance will be screened. Films in this series are shown are weekends at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. until the end of November. They are free with museum admission.
- A 29-minute film entitled The Precious Legacy, designed to acquaint visitors with the main display, is also free with admission.
- Family matinees continue Sunday, Oct. 6 at 1.30 p.m. and again at 3.30 p.m. with the Nafshenu Orchestra. The 5-piece orchestra will feature a concert of klezmer music. All matinee performances are held in the ROM Theatre Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
- A 6-part lecture series continues Oct. 3 with a talk by Dr. J. Gutmann, a professor of art history and adjunct curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Lectures are held in the ROM theatre every Thursday. Admission is $7 for adults, $5 for students and seniors. Admission to the whole series is $40 for adults, $28 for students and seniors.
- The Art of the Hazzan, a 5-part series of cantorial music concerts, gets under way Oct. 9 on level 1 of the ROM. These will feature 6 Toronto cantors in 40-minute recitals. In the first concert, Cantor Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom Temple will sing early Hebrew music, from the 12th to the 18th centuries. All cantorial concerts are held Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. They are free with ROM admission but seating is limited.
- The Business and Professional Women's Group of Toronto Women's ORT is sponsoring a viewing of the Precious Legacy from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 3. The cost is $10 per person for a specially guided tour.

For more information on these and other programs, call the ROM at 978-5475/3991.

Problem a recent one

Author looks at history of refugees

By ARNOLD AGES

The creation of huge refugee populations in Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia) and Central America tend to confirm that the refugee syndrome is an old and established condition.

According to University of Toronto historian Michael Marrus in his new book, The Unwanted: European Refugees in the Twentieth Century, that is not the case at all. He argues rather persuasively that the refugee problem, as we know it today, is of comparatively recent vintage.

While it is true that refugee populations were created as far back as the end of the 17th century (the expulsion of the French Protestants or Huguenots, from France in 1685 being one of the first examples) the scope and dimension of such movements were limited.

There were no real mass exoduses from European countries before the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century. The reason? Governments did not look with favor on the departure of vast numbers of people because this affected the economic and military potential of the state.

The relatively small number of peoples who did manage, for complex reasons, to leave their homelands usually were absorbed without fanfare in the new host country.

The first modern refugee crisis, says the author, occurred in 1881, in the wake of the assassination of Czar Alexander II. His death along with several other factors precipitated a stampede of Russian Jews. More than 1.5 million of the latter made their way through circuitous routes to various European countries and North America.

Marrus makes the astute observation that while Czarist Russia was not a congenial foyer for Jews, the Russian government did not force them to leave. The author also points out that while almost 2 million Jews left the country this had little impact of the total Jewish demographics in Russia.

While Marrus' book deals with refugee situations in general, the author has choose to focus a special light on subsequent Jewish refugee crises. That choice was dictated by the fact that the Jews have been the 20th century's refugee population par excellence.

The instability of European Jewry, the author shows, was caused by a number of factors, notable among which were pandemic anti-semitism, the dislocations of the First World War and the growth thereafter of right-wing or fascist governments with ultra nationalist agendas.

The situation for Jews became most parlous in the mid- and late-1930s when Nazism and its spiritual allies conspired to make Jews a stateless refugee people. Marrus writes movingly, even poignantly of the efforts made by European Jews to obtain succor from European and other countries.

By 1945 the Jewish refugee problem had ceased to exist, reports the author. The Nazis' "final solution" that is, the destruction of European Jewry, removed the issue from the international conscience.

In his discussion of the refugee crisis in the 1930s, Marrus takes an inventory of the policies adopted by several countries including Switzerland and France. He shows that early in the decade both countries has a more or less liberal policy in opening its doors towards Jews.

When the tide of refugees began to surge, however, the doors swung shut. Switzerland was guilty of a particularly mean-spirited gesture in this regard when it asked Nazi authorities to identify Jewish emigrants from the Third Reich by placing a special stamp in their passports.

While a major focus of Marrus' survey deals with Jewish refugee problems, his book (and vision) are large enough to encompass the other major refugee movements of the century.

Readers will be enlightened by his sections on the Russians who fled the Bolshevik seizure of power in 1917 and the description of their desperate plight in Turkey, France and Germany as they sought to re-establish their equilibrium. There were almost a million of these people involved.

Another group which has sought its own equilibrium is the Armenian nation. Marrus' reconstruction of their problems with the Turks during the First World War is a fair analysis of a problem that haunts us to this day.

The most complicated refugee problem, and one which has inexplicably faded into the interstices of history, is the Greek-Turkish-Bulgarian population transfer that occurred in 1922-1923. The enforced removal of ethnic Greeks from Anatolia is one of the horror stories of modern times and Marrus has retold it well.

The same can be said for the author's recapitulation of the absorption of the Spanish refugees from the civil war of 1936. France's record in this regard was magnanimous.

Marrus' book is not mere statistics about population transfers and movements. There is much commentary here on the pain, hopelessness and despair associated with the refugee syndrome.

There is also cogent commentary on the several welfare organizations which, since the First World War, have sought to ease the burden of refugees. The author's tribute to Fidtjof Nansen, a Norwegian citizen who singlehandedly effected the repatriation of 400,000 German and Russian prisoners of war in 1920 — is well deserved.

As one reads the staggering audit of refugees who have convulsed the world in this century a feeling of unease results because their plight derived from the callousness of democratic societies. That is a sobering message delivered to us by Prof. Marrus' insightful book.

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B'nai B'rith Hockey league begins its season

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

When the autumn crispness fills the air and the daylight hours get shorter, it can mean only one thing — time for the boys of summer to make way for the boys of winter.

Time to check on last year's sluggers, titans and Canadiens to see if they still have the spring you need for those wicked blasts from the point.

Time to give those stockings the wash you meant to all last season.

Time to check your equipment bag and air out the pads whose unmistakable odor remind you of last season's playoff race.

Time to lace 'em up and hit the ice for another season of hockey action.

Last week, with the calendar barely run out on September, 270 young men took to the frozen ice surface at the Chesswood Arena to begin a new season of B'nai B'rith Hockey League action.

(A note to South Africans and others from no-winter climates. The great Canadian game needs no prefix, as in "ice-" hockey to distinguish it from that snail-paced game played on grass you grew up with. If you simply say "hockey," people will know what sport you're talking about, while saying "ice-hockey" in the true north strong and free is simply redundant.)

The season kicked off with a full slate of C Division games, with A and B Divisions scheduled to begin one week later.

Altogether, approximately 550 skaters on 36 teams will participate in the upcoming BB hockey season. Six teams will be grouped in A division, 12 teams in B and 18 in C.

But when the new year rolls around, last year's format will be followed — B Division will split into B1 and B2, according to teams' places in the standings, while C Division will divide into C1 and C2.

According to league commissar Ira Kaufman, the nucleus of last year's teams will, more or less, remain the same, though there's a new "kid" on the block in A Division.

Players from a number of lodges, including Upper Canada, Canyon and Maccabiah, will contribute to a "mixed team," says Kaufman.

They'll try to dethrone defending A Division champs, Toronto Freedom Teammates, while in the rest of the league, teams will be gunning for B1 champs Maccabiah Red Wings, B2 winners Upper Canada Bruins, C1 victors Toronto Freedom Refiners and Toronto Freedom Flood, masters of C2 Division.

There will be a few changes made this season, Kaufman says, aimed at improving the quality of the league.

One "major source of complaint" from last year has been addressed, he says: the men in the striped shirts. The league has improved so much over the past few years, "it went past the referees," he states.

So, last year's uncarded refs will make way for Metro Toronto Hockey League (MTHL) striped shirts, while a second innovation will be the inauguration of a new team from Yorkdale Lodge in C Division.

There have been some new rule changes too, Kaufman stresses, aimed at keeping the competition friendly and clean. Anyone drawing three minor penalties in one game will be automatically ejected from that game, while anyone tagged with a 5-minute major will be ejected from the game and be suspended for the next contest.

A second 5-minute major will lead to a 3-game suspension, while a third means you can kiss the season goodbye — you'll be given the bum's rush right out of the league.

"We don't want those players in the league," Kaufman says. "We want to weed them out. It's the B'nai B'rith Hockey League, not the National Hockey League."

Those keeping their games clean and contributing to the team fee of $2,900 will head out to Chesswood on Sundays, Garnet Williams Arena on Mondays and Roding Park on Tuesdays.

This year's BB hockey executive has Mark Sherman of Leonard Mayzel as secretary and Lewis Allen from Freedom Lodge as treasurer.

The vice-presidents stack up as follows: A Division veeps are Darryl Ura (L.M.) and Ron Bettle (Freedom); B Division, Paul Rosen (Maccabiah) and Herman Wood (Freedom); C Division, Mark Silverman (Canyon) and Harvey Cooper (Freedom).

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Duo shines as sportscasters

By
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TORONTO —

When Mel Broitman and Robbie Sheffman walked into the campus radio station at York University, neither had any idea that together they would form one of the most enthusiastic and professional college sportscasting duos in university broadcasting today.

Broitman, 25, and Sheffman, 22, are both 3rd-year York students whose only previous connection to radio sportscasting is that both consider themselves avid sports fans.

Their introduction to Radio York (CJRY), however, managed to inspire a spontaneous knack for assembling a sports package that proved to be very entertaining to their listeners at the York campus.

"Putting together an entire radio broadcast for a game is an all-encompassing operation," explains Sheffman. You not only have to consider the technicians, the producers, and the on-air people, but also the fact that we produce a complete show. This means we have a pre-game show, the actual broadcast, intermission pieces which may include interviews, then the post-game review when we usually try to organize an interview with the athlete we feel is the player of the game.

"This is in addition to the fact that we work with neanderthal equipment," adds Broitman, an Ottawa native.

"But we feel we go far and beyond the quotient of quality of these resources."

The preparation for the actual sportscast requires the pair to acquaint themselves with the players, coaches and trainers, become familiar with the athlete's playing style, and how that athlete is affected by those with whom he or she is playing.

The sports CJRY covered were men's and women's hockey and men's basketball. Men's football and women's basketball are on the 1985-86 agenda.

"Even though we are limited to a campus audience, we deal with it as a professional-style broadcast," said Broitman. "We are in the process of aplying for a license from the CRTC to expand our signal."

The faces behind the mikes at York University's CJRY radio station take a break from their busy schedules. Standing are (left) Robbie Sheffman, (right) Mel Broitman, (seated) Jack Cales. [Roberta Di Meiro photo]

Broitman does the play-by-play and Sheffman handles the color commentary. The two seem to have an instinctive sense of timing that allows the subtleties of the sport to emerge during their broadcast.

"We push each other to produce the best we can," emphasized Sheffman.

The teams themselves appreciate their effort. On the way to a sudden death semi-final match-up at Queen's University, the Yeowomen hockey team borrowed the tape of a previously broadcast victory and listened to it on the way to Kingston as a psyching-up device. The Yeowomen ended up defeating Queen's 3-1.

The twosome has made such an impact with their creativity, that the university's department of physical education and athletics asked them to make promotional tapes highlighting high-profile sporting events at York. The tapes were then distributed to various campus pubs and surrounding high schools.

The radio station received such positive feedback that plans are already in the works for the production of more tapes for the 1985-86 athletic season.

In addition to the promotional tapes, station manager Jack Cales, 23, developed the Molson's CJRY Sportsline which plays a pre-recorded message of the previous day's athletic events throughout the academic year. The tapes often include actual cuts from a sportscast, usually describing an exciting highlight of the game.

When they're not busy at the radio station, Broitman concentrates on his humanities courses, while Sheffman and Cales combine their mass communication program studies with sociology courses.

Starting in September, Sheffman became CJRY's station manager, while Broitman took over as news and sports director — in addition to their broadcasting duties.

Aside from their academic responsibilities, Broitman sees working at CJRY as a tremendous educational tool.

"It's very difficult to get involved with the media, but York University offers that immediate experience.

"Not only are we working as members of the media, but doing the sportscasts enhances our confidence, develops creativity and strengthens poise."

Mark Berger heads judo competitors

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At this summer's Maccabiah Games, Berger took home the gold medal in the over-95-kilo class.

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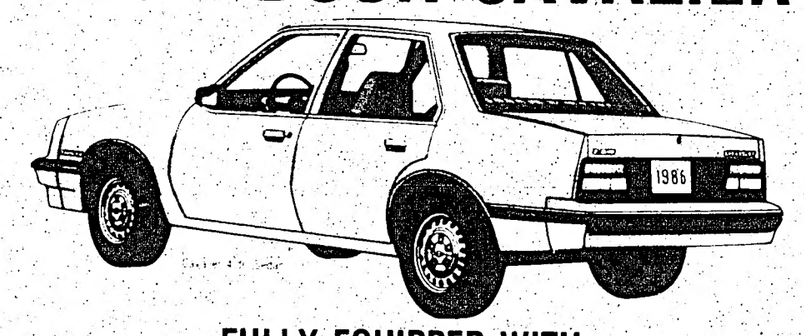

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TORONTO —

There is a story making the rounds of corporate offices and the business pages of our dailies about the female executive who gave a brilliant, high-powered presentation to a borad room full of her male colleagues and was remembered only for the fact that, despite her conservative business suit, she was wearing dangling earrings.

Whether or not this actually happened, it's a fact of life that women in business have to be extremely conscious of how they dress and look when on the job. It seems that what they wear is at the very least as important as what they do.

Gail Friedlander, who has been a career and corporate counselor for approximately 10 years, found that most of the questions her clients asked her had to do with dress. In an effort to help them further, last year she founded Images That Suit, a firm that not only teaches women how to dress for business but also sells them the suitable (pun intended) clothes and accessories.

"While personal image includes how you speak and act as well as how you dress," she explained over lunch recently, "the point most people are concerned about is their clothing, not only what to wear but where they can find affordable clothes.

"Our suits are manufactured in Montreal, followingf our designs in good quality fabrics at affordable prices. We go a step further and help our clients put together a complete business wardrobe that is individual for them."

Its suits are actually separates that can be mixed and matched. Although Friedlander started out with basic 2-piece suits, she followed the suggestions of her clients by carrying everything in separates so that the women could devise combinations to their own preference and size requirements. (Many women do not wear the same size jacket and skirt, thereby they have difficulty purchasing suits and must incur large alteration charges.)

Working out of a showroom at 260 Richmond St. W., ITS has a staff of 13 independent sales representatives who go out to the public. They conduct seminars for office staffs, business and social groups and charitable organizations. For the charities, a percentage of any sales made is turned back as donations.

"None of what we advise is strictly my opinion," Friedlander admits. "We did extensive research on the perception of others as to what a business or professional woman should look like. Although this has changed somewhat over the years as women became more readily accepted in the market place, we've found that the skirted suit still works best and is the safest for a professional image."

Present proper image

But the suit need not be oxford gray with a starched white shirt. There is an extensive amount of leeway, depending on the profession and the image the woman wants to present.

Friedlander advises that you must determine what your career goals are, who you will be seeing and where you will be going on a particular day as you decide to dress. For a super-professional image, the jacket and skirt should be the same color; if one can be more relaxed, they can be of different, but compatible shades.

In the 60s and 70s women used men as role models and dressed almost exclusively in gray or black. Now, colors are accepted and the current ITS line has no gray, but does have red, navy, winter white and tuscany (grape) in addition to black.

While white blouses are available, so are the other high-fashion colors of this season.

There are three different styles of jackets and of skirts, 10 blouse styles, numerous belts, scarves, two dress styles and even jewelry (none of it dangling or clinging).

Lynn Zuckerman is typical of the ITS sales staff. Very slender and fashion-conscious, the 29-year-old native of Winnipeg is a trained psychometrist who worked with psychologists and psychiatrists in assessing their clients. She strongly believes that this background is helping her in her current profession.

"I'm definitely sold on this concept," she says. "Our clients are benefiting from our help by not only acquiring a proper wardrobe but in the added self-confidence they have by knowing that they look right for the job.

"Many of our clients are not yet on the upper rungs of the corporate ladder but they want to be and want to present the image that they're ready to move up. Our guidance is a provable asset to them."

Gail Friedlander readily admitted that she's "always had a special interest in success. Successful people always have fascinated me and I've always tried to find out what made them successful."

A graduate of the University of Toronto and the University of Manchester in England, she has perfected her corporate seminars for both men and women to include body language, pointers on how voice can work for and against you, and other aspects of selling one's self while selling the company's product or services.

She advises that her clients should invest in their clothes the way they'd invest in the stock market — depending on their disposable income, 80% of the clothing budget should be spent on safe, classic items and 20% on accessories.

When questioned about sweaters, Lynn said, "Not for business . . . They don't test well. They make you look too sexy and they're too casual, taking away from the professional image."

Similarly, she advises that perfumes and colognes be subtle. "If the fragrance remains after you've left, then it's too strong," she says.

"The one major thing that many women worry about is that they'll all look the same if they wear suits," Friedlander adds. "With different accessories, they don't. There's enough color and style, and use of things like scarves which can show just how beautiful you can be. We always seek freedom and individuality, but you can't always have it. Men don't always want to wear shirts and ties, but they do."

For information on ITS seminars for business women and charitable groups and individual wardrobe consultations, call 593-5287.

Arthritis Society sneaker-cycle event

TORONTO —

Get out your sneakers or 10-speeds because a Walk-a-Jog-a-Bike-a-Thon will be held along the waterfront-area Martin Goodman Trail on Sunday, Oct. 6 with the proceeds going to The Arthritis Society for Research.

The 10-kilometre event begins at noon at Coronation Park across from the CNE and continues along the well-marked trail to Ashbridges Bay Park in the Beaches.

All are invited to attend a free corn roast at the finish.

The Walk-a-Jog-A-Bike-A-Thon is sponsored by Pfizer Canada Inc. in cooperation with CFRB-Radio and Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.

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Business Outlook

Israeli tourism drive promoting incentive tours

By BARUCH SAVILLE
JERUSALEM —

Riding on the crest of the best-ever wave of tourism, with arrivals expected to total 1.5 million by the end of the year, the Israeli tourism ministry has launched a mammoth promotion drive designed to increase awareness of Israel's vast potential as an incentive tours destination.

The value of "incentive tours" are not fully understood by many smaller businesses that believe such fringe benefits are only for the major corporations, ministry officials say.

Incentive tours afford the opportunity of rewarding personnel for outstanding effort and any plant or organization, regardless of the size, can participate.

"Incentive Tourism Promotion 85" initiated by the tourism ministry with the co-operation of the country's top hotels, attracted tourism industry and corporate representatives from 18 countries including Canada, the United States, United Kingdom, and Western European countries.

The official opening of the week-long promotion was held in the ballroom of the Tel Aviv Hilton. The guests were welcomed by Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and the general manager of the Hilton, Peter van der Vliet.

Issy Scher, co-director and owner of Eden Tours, Israel's top incentive tour organizer, told the gathering that with Israel's small size, tourist attractions are close together, cutting down wasted travel time.

Israel offers excellent climatic conditions year-round, it is a country of many cultures — the ideal location for tourism and international meetings of every description, he said.

Scher said there should be no concern regarding cost increases as Israeli companies are ready to offer guaranteed rates based on U.S. dollars, 18 months in advance, for large incentive tour groups.

Careers exposition for youth set

TORONTO —

Careers 2001: Visions of the Future, an exposition of career options and employment opportunities for young people, organized by the three levels of government to mark International Youth Year, will be held Nov. 12-17 at the Automotive Building in Toronto's Exhibition Place.

The event was announced in a joint statement by Flora MacDonald, federal minister of Employment and Immigration; Gregory Sorbara, Ontario minister responsible for International Youth Year, and Dennis Flynn, Metro Toronto chairman.

"By bringing together the three levels of government and the private sector in this way we fully expect this to be the most exciting careers exposition ever staged in Canada," said MacDonald.

Organizers of Careers 2001 are working with educators to bring classes of students from across Ontario to the exposition in Toronto.

"The careers exposition will offer thousands of young people in Ontario an opportunity to examine the employment challenges of the future and to obtain advice in choosing career paths," said Sorbara.

The private sector will join the three levels of government in presenting simulated work stations and demonstrations of new employment challenges aimed at showing young people career options open to them.

Along with information about future labor demands and trends, Careers 2001 will provide a showcase for a wide range of occupations and communications, retail and professional services, manufacturing and small business, health and education, agriculture and resource development.

The budget for Careers 2001 estimated at $570,000 with the provincial and federal governments contributing $25,000 each. Metropolitan Toronto will contribute $70,000.

Hebrew U, IBM planning projects on computerization

JERUSALEM —

A 3-year proposal by the Hebrew University to develop computerized working environments has been accepted by International Business Machines of Israel.

The university will work with IBM researchers to develop innovative uses of computers for administration, teaching and research in a variety of academic and technological areas, including computer science, Jewish studies, neurology and the social sciences.

IBM of Israel will provide microcomputers, accessory equipment and communications networks to the university to carry out the project.

The Hebrew University has now joined a select company of only four centres in the world where this type of research is being carried out — three in the U.S. and one in West Germany. The project is expected to benefit Israeli higher education generally as well as the development of IBM computer systems.

The project will be carried out by Prof. Catriel Beeri of the university's Department of Computer Science. An advanced computer laboratory will be established within the department to carry out research in connection with the project.

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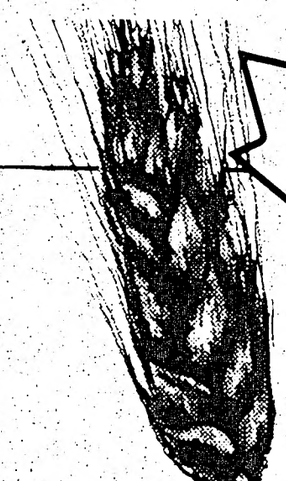
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